

Harbor's Unsung Heroes Answer Key

Sample Responses:

1. He helped save injured sailors and bravely fired at enemy planes despite no training.
2. His award was historic because racial segregation limited recognition for African Americans at the time.
3. Kimmel led the Pacific Fleet and was responsible for the Navy's readiness.
4. He was accused of being unprepared and not acting on intelligence before the attack.
5. Miller represents personal courage, while Kimmel represents leadership under pressure.
6. (Answers will vary-students may explain admiration for Miller's bravery or Kimmel's difficult leadership role.)

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation Tips:**

- For Grades 5-6: Pre-teach vocabulary such as *fleet*, *recognition*, *controversy*, and *responsibility*.
- For Grades 7-9: Encourage citing text evidence in responses for higher-level analysis.

- **Engagement Ideas:**

- Play a short audio clip or show a historical photo of each person before reading.
- Have students act as reporters, writing short "interview" questions they would ask each figure.

- **Extension Activities:**

- Encourage reflection: "What does it mean to be a hero in times of crisis?"
- Challenge advanced students to research whether Admiral Kimmel was later exonerated and summarize their findings.