

Pearl Harbor Reporting Answer Key

Sample Rewrites:

1. "Japanese Forces Launch Surprise Attack on Pearl Harbor."
2. "U.S. Navy Base Hit in Surprise Air Raid at Pearl Harbor."
3. "Japanese Planes Bomb U.S. Naval Base in Hawaii."
4. "Air Assault on Pearl Harbor Causes Widespread Damage."
5. "Americans Respond with Unity Following Pearl Harbor Attack."
6. "Several U.S. Ships Damaged in Japanese Air Assault on Hawaii."

Teacher's Guide:

- **Purpose:** Strengthen media literacy, tone awareness, and historical writing accuracy.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For Grades 5-6: Review examples of *biased* vs. *neutral* words before beginning (e.g., "evil" vs. "enemy").
 - For Grades 7-9: Encourage students to justify each rewrite, explaining what language they changed and why.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Display original and rewritten headlines side by side to compare tone.
 - Have students create one new headline that could have appeared the *day after* the attack, reflecting national unity.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Challenge students to write a short news paragraph expanding on one of their balanced headlines.
 - Discuss how headlines shape public emotions and why factual accuracy matters during crises.
 - Have advanced learners research a modern example of sensational news and rewrite it in balanced language.