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Pearl Harbor Chains

Directions: Read the short summary below and identify what **caused** each event and what **effects** it created. Write each cause and effect in complete sentences to show how one event led to another.

Before 1941, the United States and Japan had rising tensions. Japan was expanding its control in Asia, while the U.S. tried to stop them through trade limits and warnings. Frustrated, Japan planned a secret attack to weaken American forces in the Pacific. On **December 7, 1941**, Japanese planes struck Pearl Harbor, destroying ships and planes and taking thousands by surprise.

The attack led the United States to declare war on Japan the next day, entering **World War II**. This decision changed history, uniting Americans and shifting global power. Years later, people continued to honor those who served and remember the lessons of peace and preparedness that came from that day.

Now, write **three cause-and-effect chains** from this passage.

Example: *Cause - The U.S. stopped trading with Japan. Effect - Japan planned a surprise attack to weaken American power.*

1. **Cause** - _____

Effect - _____

2. **Cause** - _____

Effect - _____

3. **Cause** - _____

Effect - _____