

Pearl Harbor Chains Answer Key

Sample Responses:

1. **Cause:** The U.S. limited trade and warned Japan to stop expanding.
Effect: Japan planned a secret attack on Pearl Harbor.
2. **Cause:** Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.
Effect: The U.S. declared war on Japan and entered World War II.
3. **Cause:** The attack shocked and united the nation.
Effect: Americans honored the fallen and built lasting memorials to remember the event.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Purpose:** Strengthen reading comprehension and cause-and-effect reasoning through historical context.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger students (Grades 4-5), read the summary aloud and identify one example together.
 - For older students (Grades 6-7), challenge them to find deeper or less obvious cause-and-effect connections (e.g., "Japan's expansion → strained diplomacy → Pearl Harbor attack").
- **Engagement Idea:** Create a "domino effect" activity by writing each cause and effect on slips of paper and having students arrange them in order.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students create a brief comic strip showing one cause-and-effect chain visually.
 - Ask advanced students to add one **long-term effect** that still matters today.
 - Encourage reflection: "How can remembering the causes of conflict help prevent future ones?"