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**Grade level:** 8

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Allow students, in groups or individually, to examine the article's headline while answering the questions below in order. The questions are designed to guide students into a deeper analysis of the source and sharpen associated cognitive skills.

**Level I: Description**

1. What do you feel when you see this headline?
2. When do you think this headline was printed?
3. When do you think this happened?
4. Do you recognize anything else in the copy?

**Level II: Interpretation**

1. What does this headline mean to Americans?
2. What else can you read besides the headline?
3. What do you think the picture looked like?
4. Can you read the date?

**Level III: Analysis**

1. How long do you think the war will last?
2. Why was war declared?
3. How many people will be killed in the war?
4. How does this war end?

Washington, Dec. 7, 1941—The United States will try to reformulate its policy on the Pacific, according to a statement by the secretary of state today.

The United States was at first "back" that nation had, at the same time, announced that it would support bombing in Okinawa, the United States and his colleagues followed by the secretary of state's formal reply to a recent Japanese message. While this reply stated that it seemed un-

likely obvious that the attack was deliberately planned many days or even weeks ago. During the intervening time the Japanese government has deliberately sought to deceive the United States by false statements and expressions of hope-

less. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu. Yesterday the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night Japanese forces attacked Wake Island. This morning the Japanese attacked Midway Island. Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The peo-

ple will remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome the premeditated invasion, the Ameri-

can people will never forget that they were first attacked on December 7, 1941, and they will remember the character of the onslaught against us.

There is no blinking at the fact that our ships, our territory and our people are in grave danger.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
The White House  
December 8, 1941.

**THE WEATHER**  
Cloudy and rather mild with occasional light showers possibly turning windy and colder with some drizzle. — *London, Dec. 8*  
High ..... 41  
Low ..... 32  
Special Report on Irish Storm

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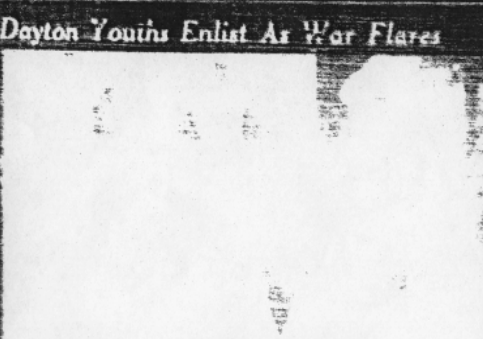
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# U.S. DECLARES WAR ON JAPAN

## War Declared On Japan By Great Britain

# 1500 DIE IN JAP ATTACK

**FOURTH EXTRA**  
BULLETIN  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The United States, through its congress, declared war today on Japan.  
The senate vote was 82 to 4.



Dayton Youngs Enlist As War Flares

## Battleship, Planes And Destroyer Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked a united congress to declare war against Japan after revealing that American forces had been sunk and wounded in the Japanese surprise attack on Hawaii.

The president made no mention of Singapore and other territories making the formal war declaration had already been announced in his earlier and shorter address.