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Why did the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbour?

Activity One: Watch the film about why the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbour. As you watch it create a spidergram using the four headings on the sheet below (Resource One). Add detail to the heading from the film that you have been given by your teacher.

Activity Two: Move around your classroom and talk to people who have focussed on headings different from yours. Explain to them what you noted down and why. Listen to their explanations of the details that they noted and put them on your sheet.

Activity Three: When asked to by your teacher go to one corner of the room depending on which of the four reasons you think was the most important cause of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour.

Resource One:

Why did the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbour?

China

Japanese assumptions
about America

Sanctions

American
misunderstandings

Resource Two:

To what extent did the Americans force the Japanese into attacking Pearl Harbour?

The USA
forced the
Japanese to
attack



Pearl Harbour
was the result
of Japanese
aggression