

HAWAII OPERATION

ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR



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PROPAGANDA:

- Attack was on Sunday, December 7, 1941
- Sunday = Day off for US soldiers

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OVERALL:

- On December 7, 1941, Japan surprise attacks Pearl Harbor
- Japan dropped bombs on naval port
- Japan destroyed many navy vessels and aircraft
- Killed and injured many army personnel and civilians
- Victory for Japan
- Formal declarations of war begin
- Brought USA into the war



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CAUSES:

- Japan wanted to gain control of Asia and expand its empire
- Japan had already invaded China and began illegally occupying territories in the Pacific region
- USA, in order to protect DEMOCRACY, began producing ammunition for the Allies
- USA feared Japanese expansion and in turn, cut off oil supplies to Japan
- USA then cut all economic ties with Japan
- Japan attacked Pearl Harbor as a preventative action in order to keep the USA from influencing the war that Japan was **planning** in Asia **against** Britain and the Netherlands

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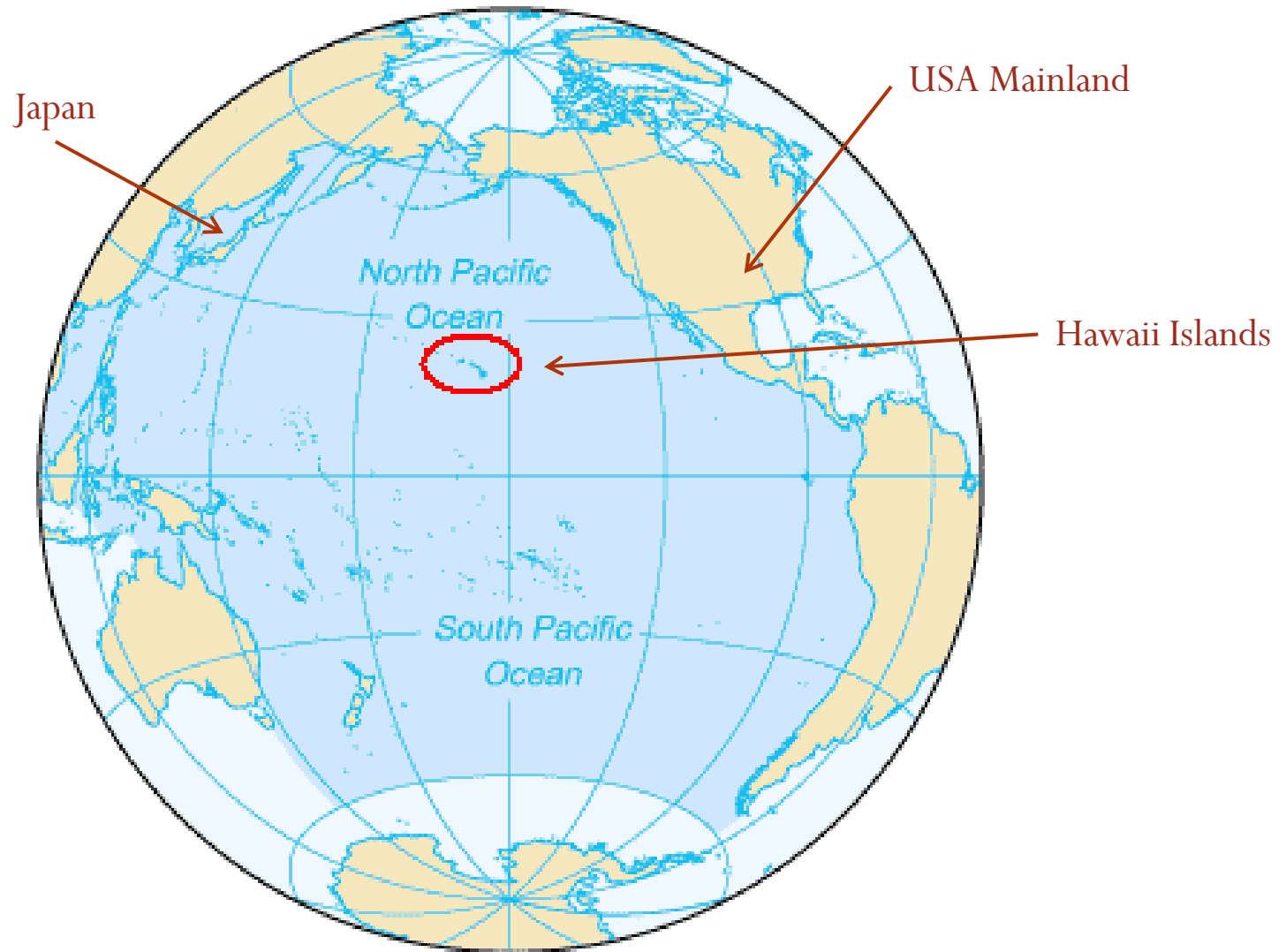
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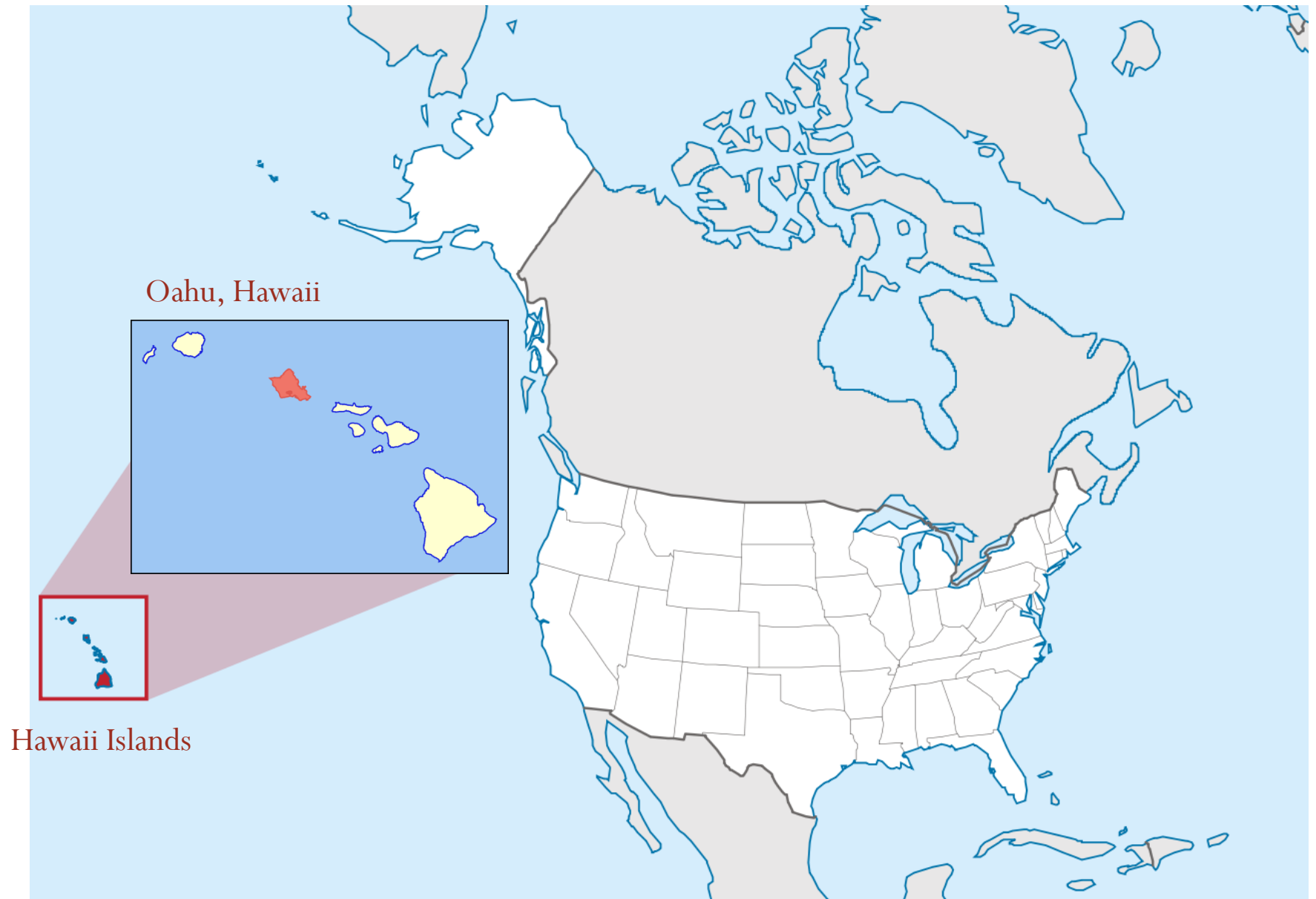
- Japan launched a SURPRISE attack against the US Naval base stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- TWO aerial attack waves totalling 353 aircraft
- Launched from six Japanese aircraft carriers
- this attack was intended to give Japan's navy control of the Pacific in preparations for further attacks



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VIDEO CLIP:

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Scenes from the attack and the aftermath with a voice over of US President Roosevelt's speech declaring war on Japan.

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IMMEDIATE RESULTS:

- IN JUST TWO HOURS, Japan....
- sank four and damaged four more USA Navy battleships
- damaged three cruisers
- Damaged three destroyers
- Damaged one minelayer
- Destroyed 188 aircraft
- Killed 2,402 army personnel and wounded another 1,282
- **Major Japanese tactical victory**



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RESULTS:

- December 8, 1941: USA declares war on Japan
- December 11, 1941: As a gesture of support for Japan, Germany and Axis members declare war on USA
- 18 ships sunk and 1/2 the American fleet was left crippled or sunk

LONG-TERM RESULTS:

- WWII becomes a **global war** (and USA is fully involved)
- North America is NOT safe from invasions (originally thought war was in Europe)
- 3,700 American casualties (soldiers and civilians)

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CANADIAN RELATED RESULTS:

- After Pearl Harbor, North America went into panic mode
- Canada feared that Japanese Canadians were not loyal and would help Japan if its army invaded British Columbia
- Prime Minister Mackenzie King issued the “**War Measures Act**” which restricted the rights of 22,000 Japanese Canadians (of whom 20,000 were born in Canada)



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CANADIAN WAR MEASURES ACT:

- Censorship of all forms of communication
- No operation of cameras or radio
- All Japanese schools closed
- All Japanese fishing boats and cars impounded
- Right to arrest & jail without trial
- Termination of Japanese employment
- All Japanese homes, property, businesses, & possessions seized & to be auctioned off at rock-bottom prices
- Creation of **Internment Camps** (prisons)
- 6,000 Japanese deported



CANADIAN INTERNMENT CAMPS:

- Families split apart & moved to interior of province
- Inadequate shelter
- Paid 25 cents a day for heavy labour projects



CANADA'S FORMAL APOLOGY:



- In 1988, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney issued a formal apology: “We cannot change the past. But we must, as a nation, have the courage to face up to these historical facts.”
- The compensation package included:
 - Payment of \$ 21,000 to all surviving Internees
 - Clearing all criminal records related to *War Measures Act*
 - Reinstatement of citizenship
 - \$ 12 million to Japanese-Canadians for low-cost housing