WHAT IS THIS YEAR’S TOPIC?

“As US policy and sanctions became more aggressive, Japanese planners determined to attack American positions in the Pacific: specifically, the Philippines, Guam and Wake Islands, and the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor.

The dilemma faced by Japanese planners was how to counter the greater American naval power and economic potential.” (USHMM)

On December 7th, 1941, Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor is located in Hawaii and was a major base for America’s Naval fleet during WWII. 2400 sailors and soldiers were killed, 1200 were injured. This attack changed American foreign policy and shifted American society forever.
YOUR QUESTION:
What happened in American society after the Pearl Harbor attacks in 1941 that urged America to enter the war and subsequently helped influence American men and women to join the armed forces?
Why did it have this effect?
Has this motivation changed during the 21st century? Why?

CONSIDER THESE SOURCES FOR MORE INFORMATION:
HISTORY.COM
THE USHMM WEBSITE
NATIONAL WW2 MUSEUM WEBSITE
THE NEW YORK TIMES
THE PEARL HARBOR FILM AT THE BONG CENTER
YOUR SCHOOLS LIBRARY OR DATABASE

HOW TO SUBMIT:
Please scan the QR to submit your essay via Google forms
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Deadline is December 12th, 2022
Paper MUST BE: Titled, double-spaced, 12 pt font, 1,000 words or less, include citations & bibliography.

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The Center will select the top essay from each grade division and award a $75.00 cash grand prize.
Additionally, a first runner-up will be chosen from each grade as well as three honorable mentions; these participants will receive a consolation prize.
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