Pearl Harbor: Legacy of Attack – National Geographic

1. How many Americans died in the attack on Pearl Harbor?
2. Describe what an American sailor stationed in Hawaii could expect before the attack.
3. Why did Admiral Yamamoto decide to attack Pearl Harbor? What was he hoping to gain?
4. What weapons did Japan plan to use again the American Fleet in Hawaii?
5. What other ships are Robert Ballard famous for finding?
6. How many ships were in the Japanese attacking fleet?
7. Describe some of the difficulties Ballard expects to encounter while searching for the Midget Submarine.
8. What did the minesweeper Condor see in the water at 3:30am December 7, 1941? Why did the U.S.S. Ward not attack?
9. How many “waves” of plains did Yamamoto plan on using against the American Fleet?
10. At 6:30am what did the U.S.S. Ares and U.S.S. Ward discover? Were they successful?
11. Give examples of what is found on the seafloor outside of Pearl Harbor that are NOT the Japanese Submarine.
12. Why was the 7:15 am radar warning of the Japanese air attack ignored?
13. Why do you think the first Japanese targets attacked we Hickam Air Field and the Naval Air Base on Ford Island?
14. The Japanese airplanes were decorated with a red circle like that on the flag of Japan. How did American soldiers and sailors describe them?
15. Describe what happened to the U.S.S. Oklahoma.
16. How long did it take for the U.S.S. Utah to sink?
17. Describe what happened to the U.S.S. Arizona.
18. Where is the Arizona today?
19. What ecological or environmental danger may the Arizona present today?
20. What signs of the Midget Sub does Deep Worker find near the underwater wall?
21. Describe events at Pearl Harbor in the 20 minutes pause between Wave 1 and Wave 2 of the Japanese attack.
22. Who was Dorie Miller? Do you think he deserves the Congressional Medal of Honor?
23. When the second wave of Japanese planes struck the island what was different than in the first wave?
24. Why did the U.S.S. Nevada become a target while trying to exit the harbor?
25. On the final day of the search for the Midget Sub was Robert Ballard successful?
26. What happened to the Japanese Midget Submariner named Sakamaki?
27. Does the evidence suggest that a Midget Submarine was successful in attacking the American Fleet?
28. What are the final totals from the surprise assault?

Deaths:

Wounded:

Sunk or Damaged Ships?

Battleships:

Air Planes:

1. What American ships were NOT sunk at Pearl Harbor?
2. What effect did Pearl Harbor have on the fighting spirit of America?