Studying Conflicting Information: Varying Perspectives on the Pearl Harbor Attack, Part 1
### Long-Term Targets Addressed (Based on NYSP12 ELA CCLS)

I can determine an author’s point of view or purpose in informational text. (RI.8.6)

### Supporting Learning Targets

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| I can determine Roosevelt’s point of view in his “Day of Infamy” speech. | • *Unbroken* structured notes, pages 28–37 (from homework)  
  • Text-dependent questions from “Day of Infamy” speech |
### Agenda

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### Teaching Notes

- In this lesson, students will read a primary source, Franklin Roosevelt’s “Day of Infamy” speech. In Lesson 8, students will read another primary source, the “Fourteen-Part Message.” Both of these sources are highly complex, so they have been excerpted and scaffolded with some pre-defined vocabulary, paraphrasing, and text-dependent questions.
- Students will read both primary sources, but they will eventually focus on one. This is in preparation for the Fishbowl discussions in Lessons 12 and 13. Students who focus on the “Day of Infamy” speech will participate in the discussion one day, and students who focus on the “Fourteen-Part Message” will participate in the discussion the other day. See Lessons 12 and 13 for more information.
- In advance: Preview the text for this lesson; review the Fishbowl Discussion protocol (see Appendix), which will be used later in the unit.
- Post: Learning target.
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Lesson Vocabulary

- point of view, primary source; plunder, infamy, solicitation, maintenance, diplomatic negotiations, will, grave

Materials

- “Day of Infamy” speech (one per student and one to display)
- Document camera
- Close Reading Guide: “Day of Infamy” Speech (for teacher reference)
- Unbroken structured notes, pages 38–47 (one per student)
- Unbroken supported structured notes, pages 38–47 (optional; for students needing additional support)
- Unbroken Structured Notes Teacher Guide, pages 38–47 (for teacher reference)

Opening

A. Engaging the Reader: Structured Notes Focus Question (4 minutes)

- Invite students to take their Unbroken structured notes, pages 28–37 and sit with their Okinawa Discussion Appointment partner. Ask them to reread the focus question and their response silently, then discuss their response with their partner.

- Point out that the chapter they read for homework is called “Plundering Germany.” Ask students to turn and talk to their partner:
  * Why do you think this chapter is titled ‘Plundering Germany’?“ If necessary, guide students toward a definition of plunder, which means to rob or pillage, especially during times of war.

Meeting Students’ Needs
Opening (continued)

B. Review Learning Target (2 minutes)

• Direct students’ attention to the posted learning target. Read the target aloud to the class:
  * “I can determine Roosevelt’s point of view in his ‘Day of Infamy’ speech.”

• Ask students to turn and talk to their partner about what **point of view** means. Cold call one or two pairs to share their thinking. Listen for: “It’s a person’s perspective, or how he/she sees things.”

• Remind students that the preface of Unbroken foreshadows or previews something that happens later in the book: Louie is in a raft, being shot at by Japanese bombers. Explain that students will be reading texts that will help them understand what happened between the United States and Japan, especially the attack on Pearl Harbor, which ultimately led to the events in the preface. Since history is complicated, it is important to understand the different perspectives that led to huge events, like a world war, which affect so many people—including Louie. The texts that they will read have two different points of view on the events leading up to Pearl Harbor.
**Work Time**

A. **Understanding Varying Perspectives: “Day of Infamy” Speech (35 minutes)**

- Tell students that for their end of unit assessment, they will participate in a Fishbowl Discussion. That means half of the class will be participating in a discussion, and the other half will observe the discussion and take notes. The next day, they switch places.

- Explain that to prepare for the Fishbowl, students will read two *primary sources*. Define a primary source as “a text or artifact that was created during the time period you are studying.” Historians use primary sources as often as they can. Since they are created during the time period under study, it is possible to understand what people were thinking and feeling at the time. It is especially important to use primary sources when studying different perspectives. Today, students will read a primary source that represents President Roosevelt’s point of view of Pearl Harbor. In Lesson 8, they will read another primary source with a different point of view. Emphasize that both texts were written in 1941. This is the same time period that *Unbroken* takes place. Finally, explain that students will read both texts to understand both perspectives, but they will ultimately focus on just one of the texts.

- Provide students with some context for their reading of the first primary source, the “Day of Infamy” speech: The speech was given by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt on December 8, 1941. Point out that December 7, 1941, is the day the Japanese military attacked Pearl Harbor. Be sure not to say much more here. Students will discover more about Pearl Harbor and these texts by reading them.

- Distribute one copy of the “*Day of Infamy*” speech to each student and display one copy using a document camera.

- Ask the class to look over the handout as you explain it using the displayed copy.

- Then, following the steps in the Close Reading Guide: “*Day of Infamy*” Speech (for teacher reference), guide students through reading the speech and completing their handout.

**Meeting Students’ Needs**

- Consider providing smaller chunks of text or a paraphrase of difficult sections in addition to the original text to differentiate for struggling readers.
## Closing and Assessment

### A. Debrief Learning Target (2 minutes)
- Reread the learning target aloud to the class:
  - “I can determine Roosevelt’s point of view in his ‘Day of Infamy’ speech.”
- Ask students to give a thumbs-up or thumbs-down depending on how well they mastered that target today.

### B. Preview Homework (2 minutes)
- Distribute *Unbroken* structured notes, pages 38–47.
- Remind students that their homework is to read pages 28–37 in *Unbroken* and complete the structured notes.

### Meeting Students’ Needs

#### Homework
- Complete a first read of pages 38–47 in *Unbroken* and fill in the structured notes. Answer the focus question: “Hillenbrand writes, ‘As Louie blazed through college, far away, history was turning’ (43). Why does the author interrupt Louie’s narrative with information about Japan and Germany? Use the strongest evidence from the book to support your answer.”

#### Meeting Students’ Needs
- Consider providing supported structured notes for students who struggle.
Mr. Vice President, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives:

Yesterday, December 7th, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan.

The United States was at peace with that nation and, at the solicitation of Japan, was still in conversation with its government and its emperor looking toward the maintenance of peace in the Pacific....

infamy: evil fame
solicitation: request
maintenance: to work to keep something the way it is

1. According to this document, what was the relationship like between the United States and Japan before the attack at Pearl Harbor?

Indeed, one hour after Japanese air squadrons had commenced bombing in the American island of Oahu, the Japanese ambassador to the United States and his colleague delivered to our Secretary of State a formal reply to a recent American message. And while this reply stated that it seemed useless to continue the existing diplomatic negotiations, it contained no threat or hint of war or of armed attack.
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<td><strong>diplomatic negotiations</strong>: when two or more countries discuss in order to reach an agreement</td>
<td>An hour after the Japanese started bombing in Oahu, the Japanese ambassador delivered a reply to an earlier message that stated that the Japanese and the United States should not continue to negotiate with each other, but it did not mention a threat of war.</td>
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<td><strong>It will be recorded that the distance of Hawaii from Japan makes it 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 for continued peace.</strong></td>
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<td>2. Roosevelt accuses the Japanese of seeking to deceive the United States. According to this speech, what is one example of an action in which the Japanese government deceived the United States?</td>
<td>The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. I regret to tell you that very many American lives have been lost. 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 Hong Kong. Last night, Japanese forces attacked Guam. Last night, Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands. Last night, the Japanese attacked Wake Island. And this morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island. Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday and today speak for themselves....</td>
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### “Day of Infamy” Speech Given by
President Franklin Delano Roosevelt December 8, 1941

| What’s the gist of each section? | 
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| 3. At the time of this speech, the places mentioned here (Hawaii, Malaya, Hong Kong, Guam, Philippine Islands, Wake Island, and Midway Island) were controlled by either the United States or Great Britain. Why might Roosevelt list each one individually? | 
| As commander in chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense. But always will our whole nation remember the character of the onslaught against us.  
No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.  
I believe that I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us. | 
| will (n.): desire; want | 
| 4. What does Roosevelt mean when he says the United States will “make it very certain that this form of treachery shall never again endanger us”? |
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<td>With confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounding determination of our people, we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God. I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December 7th, 1941, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.</td>
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<td><strong>grave</strong> (adj.): serious</td>
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5. According to the last paragraph, what is the purpose of Roosevelt’s speech?

Text from http://history1900s.about.com/od/franklindroosevelt/a/Day-Of-Infamy-Speech.htm