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The Attack on Pearl Harbor Cont.

Read for **comprehension** below.

Yamamoto had carefully planned the attack for months, and the U.S. naval base was, indeed, taken by surprise. During the 2-hour attack, Japan's bombers and submarines targeted the U.S. warships, while Japan's fighter planes attacked and disabled the U.S. fighter planes on the ground. Although the U.S. radar sites picked up the incoming Japanese planes, the radar operators thought they were U.S. planes and did not sound the alarm. At the end of the day, 2,390 Americans (including 49 civilians) died, and another 1,178 were wounded.

The U.S. Navy was heavily damaged. Nearly 20 ships were sunk or damaged. But only three were never recovered: the USS Arizona, the Utah, and Oklahoma. All of the other ships were repaired and returned to duty during the war.

Today, there is a memorial located in Pearl Harbor in honor of the events that happened that day. The World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument floats above the sunken USS Arizona, which lost the largest number of lives when it sank. More than 1,100 sailors and Marines died inside the battleship. The monument is considered an active American military cemetery and is free to visitors.

Have you visited a cemetery before?

How do you think a visit to the Pearl Harbor memorial would make you feel?

