**PEARL HARBOR AND THE PACIFIC NOTES**

**Pearl Harbor**

-caused because of U.S. embargo on Japan (needed oil)

-December 7, 1941 “A date which will live in infamy”

-Surprise attack by Japanese, weakening U.S. fleet

-over 2,400 Americans killed

**Japanese Internment**

-After declaring war with Japan, U.S. forces Japanese into internment camps

-thought they could be spies

-Over 60% were U.S. citizens

-Necessary?

-arguments over legality

**Pacific Theater**

-U.S. started at major disadvantage

-Japan’s “Zero” fighter had a 12:1 kill:death ratio

-U.S. gradually strengthens and catches up

-Entire economy turns to war and the draft

-U.S. uses “island hopping” strategy

-capture island by island to get closer to mainland Japan