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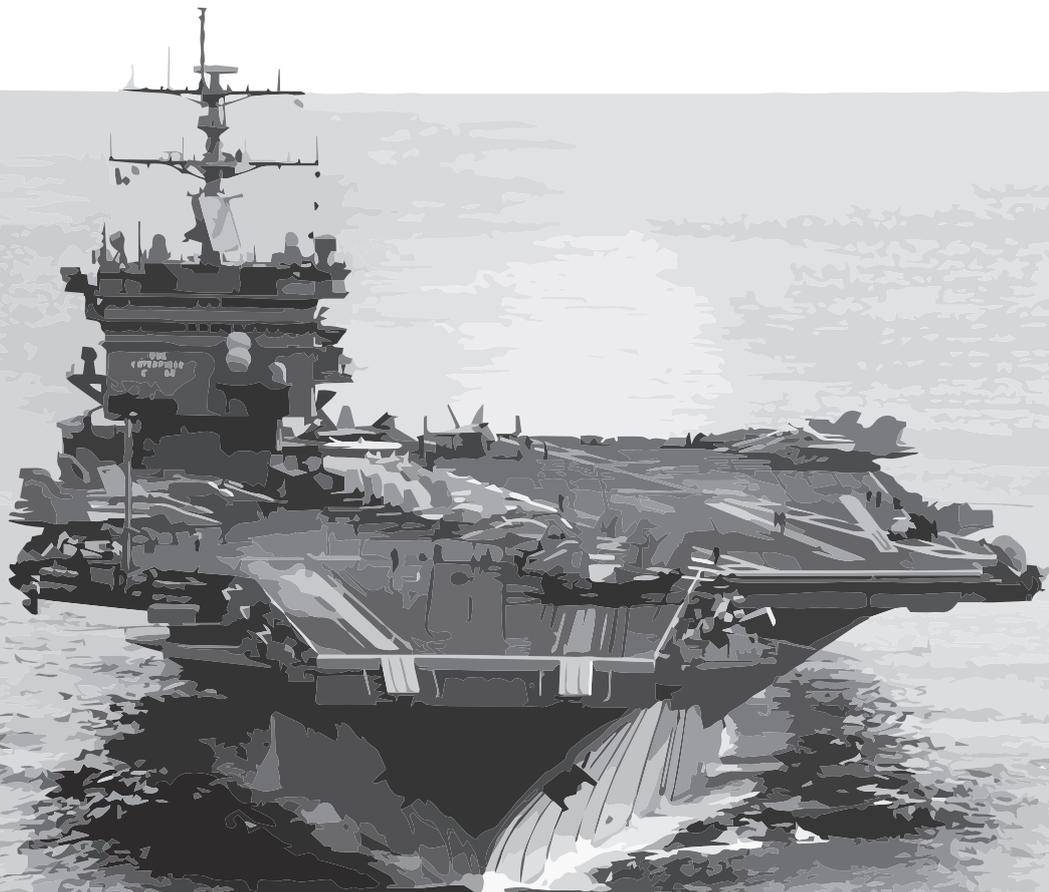
MIDWAY

We have awakened a sleeping giant. ~Marshal Admiral Yamamoto

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1 16:40 (as Layton says, "...and report back to me.)

How would you describe the state of the Navy in Pearl Harbor when it was attacked? Use details from the movie to support your answer.

2 25:45 (as Yamamoto says, "...and filled him with terrible resolve.")

Yamamoto says, "We have awakened a giant and filled him with terrible resolve." A) In your own words summarize what you think he meant by this statement. B) Do you think he regrets the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor? Explain.

3 34:05 (as Nimitz says, "...that they're not walking into a trap.")

A) What was the crucial mistake that Japanese Commander Nagumo made when attacking Pearl Harbor? B) Why is Nimitz new job, the Commander of the Navy, called the most difficult job in the world?

4 44:40  (as Ann Best says, "Excuse me.")

Ann Best knows her husband's talents and boldly asks his superior officer, McClusky, why her husband isn't the leader of a squadron. A) What is McClusky's response? B) Do you agree with him?

5 54:20 (as Nimitz says, "Well have him figure it out.")

A) Why does the Japanese leadership decide to go with the plan and attack the remaining US carriers? B) What do you think motivates Layton? Does he feel personally responsible in some way? Use details from the movie to support your answer.

6 1:04:25 (as Nimitz says, "...how many guests are coming and when they plan to arrive.")

- A) Describe the flaw in Japan's strategy to attack Midway.
B) In your own words, explain why this flaw is allowed to creep into their strategy. (Hint: Rewatch the war room scene with the Japanese military officers if necessary)

7 1:16:35 (as Nimitz says, "Get some rest, good night.")

- A) What is Nick struggling with for the first time in his military career? B) Do you think Layton is putting too much pressure on himself? Explain.

8 1:39:55  (As McCluskey says, "...pick up Gaido and O'Flaherty.")

- The US are winning the Battle of Midway. A) Describe the events and people that are responsible for their success.
B) If you had to pick one, make an argument for the most important contributing factor, then share and evaluate your idea with a partner.

9 1:49:05  (as Murray says, "I'll warm her up sir.")

- A) Dick Best flies as if he doesn't care if he lives or dies. Do you agree with this statement? Explain. B) How does Dick demonstrate his leadership skills in the previous scene?

10 ESSAY

A) What lessons can you learn from the mistakes and victories of the Japanese military in this film? B) What lessons can you learn from the mistakes and victories of the American military in this film?

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Men like Dick Best are the reason we're going to win this war.
~McClusky
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11 Extended Research

Joe Rochefort was instrumental in the strategic plans that resulted in the Battle of Midway victory. Summarize his military career up until the Battle of Midway, including the lie that allowed him to join the military. Then, describe some of his skills and experiences that contributed to his success in predicting the attack on Midway.