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Franklin D. Roosevelt: The first 'modern' President?

1941 – Pearl Harbour: Video transcript

December 7th 1941, a day of infamy that was burnt into the pages of American history.

The President faced a nation united.

[Franklin D. Roosevelt]

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.

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