

Colonial Life School Education Day  
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## DOOLITTLE RAID SCHEDULE OF LESSON PLANS

### LESSON PLAN 1 – FEBRUARY 2

#### Prelude to War

- ★ Japanese expansion in the Pacific
- ★ Japanese war in China
- ★ U.S./Allied interests in the Pacific
- ★ Events/provocations to war with Japan

### LESSON PLAN 2 – FEBRUARY 9

#### Pearl Harbor

- ★ Japanese plans/aims
- ★ Raid and results
- ★ U.S. Navy & AAF courage and response during raid
- ★ What the Japanese accomplished, and what they missed
- ★ How the raid changed U.S. Naval strategy

### LESSON PLAN 3 – FEBRUARY 16

#### Idea for Retaliation: An Air Raid

- ★ FDR
- ★ Hap Arnold
- ★ U.S. Navy: Low & Duncan

### LESSON PLAN 4 – FEBRUARY 23

#### Selection of “The Man For The Job: Jimmy Doolittle”

- ★ Career
- ★ Aviation pioneer
- ★ Leader of Men
- ★ Calculated risk taker

### LESSON PLAN 5 – MARCH 2

#### Selection of Aircraft & Ship

- ★ Possible U.S. aircraft types
- ★ Selection of B-25 Mitchell
- ★ B-25B statistics
- ★ Launch Army a/c from Navy aircraft carrier

### LESSON PLAN 6 – MARCH 9

#### Selection of The Volunteer Crews

- ★ Most experienced flight crews available: 17th Bombardment Group
- ★ Pendleton, Ore.>Columbia, S.C.>Eglin AAB, Fla.
- ★ Training at Columbia AAB (marking a Navy flight deck)

### LESSON PLAN 7 – MARCH 16

#### USS Hornet and “Army Pilots: Man Your Planes”

- ★ Selecting and loading USS Hornet
- ★ Secret sea voyage and training
- ★ Doolittle’s words to his men
- ★ Reasons for and consequences of an early launch

### LESSON PLAN 8 – MARCH 23

#### The Doolittle Raid and Its Results

- ★ Targets and damage
- ★ Loss of aircraft and circumstances
- ★ Fate of the crews

### LESSON PLAN 9 – MARCH 30

#### Aftermath of The Raid

- ★ Rescues and captures
- ★ Trials and POW’s (including Russian “internees”)
- ★ Executions and savior from captivity
- ★ Doolittle and survivors after the raid
- ★ Japanese retaliation in China

### LESSON PLAN 10 – APRIL 6

#### Did The Raid Change History/The War?

- ★ Japanese homeland/morale
- ★ U.S. morale
- ★ U.S. & Japanese military decisions

### LESSON PLAN 11 – APRIL 13

#### Summary of The Lesson Plans

- ★ The Doolittle Raiders Today