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The Uncovered History of Alaska's Attu Island

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=3UJ4_TxuwM8>



**CLEANING ATTU ISLAND**

1. Take a guess… what do you think the large rusty structures are, that have holes in them, at **0:05**?
2. What bird is pictured at **0:45**? **A BALD EAGLE**
3. What does the newspaper say that the young boy is holding at **0:46**?. **WE’RE IN**

What do you think that headline has to do with Alaska? **ALASKA BECAME THE 49TH US STATE**

1. How long ago was the World War 2? (it started in 1942 and it is 2018)? **1:37** **70 YEARS**
2. What month did the Japanese invade Attu Island? **1:43** **JUNE**
3. How long did the Japanese have control over Attu Island during WW2? **1:46**

**LESS THAN A YEAR**

7. What three Things were built on Attu Island to support the troops stationed there? **1:55**

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1. What toxic mess is being uncovered and cleaned up on Attu Island? **2:30**
2. How many pounds of contaminated soil can the “super sacks” hold? **3:16**
3. How much will the clean-up cost? **3:40**
4. What color are the two transformers at **4:21**? **BROWN**
5. How many tons of contaminated soil did the crew remove so far? **5:32** **12,000 TONS**
6. How many tons of tar drums? **5:36** **90 TONS**

**ATTU ISLAND HISTORY**

1. Before World War 2, about how many people lived on the island of Attu? **8:10** **50**
2. Was the Aleut village still there after World War 2? **NO**
3. Who were the “ghosts” that the Attu Island people saw before Japan invaded the island? **9:12** **THE JAPANESE MAPPING THE ISLAND**
4. What date did the Japanese invade Attu Island? **9:32** **JUNE 7th, 1942**
5. After two months of being occupied by Japan, the Attu people were taken to Japan. How long were they kept in Japan? **9:55** **THREE YEARS**
6. How was the history of this event shared with people? **10:29** **RECORDINGS**
7. What is the title of the book that the daughter and father wrote, that informs people about the Attu Island history? **10:42** **ATTU BOY**
8. When the Attu people returned to Alaska, why were they not able to go home? **11:06** **THEIR VILLAGE WAS DESTROYED**
9. How many people were evacuated in all of the Southeast isalnds (four different villages) during WW2? **22:49** **831 PEOPLE**

**THE FORGOTTEN WAR**

(The Battle of Attu)

1. How many American soldiers died during the Atta battles? **13:10** **MORE THAN 500**



Using what we have learned, from this task and the ones done in class, write (in cursive) your thoughts and opinions about “The Forgotten War”.

*Here are some ideas of what you could write about:*

* *Was it a good idea to evacuate the four villages from the invading Japanese army?*
* *Should the USA done anything differently?*
* *Why was taking back Attu Island so important?*
* *Should more people know about this battle? Why or why not?*
* *Knowing what we know now, how would you have made sure Attu Island’s environment was left cleaner than it was after the war?*
* *If you could write a letter to President Trump about the importance of the Aleutian Islands and why they should be protected from invading forces, what would you say?*

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