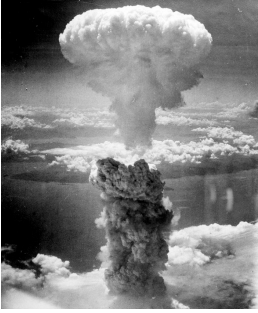


Hiroshima and Nagasaki Debate



On August 6th, 1945 the United States dropped an atomic bomb, Little Boy, on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. The purpose of the attack was to force an unrelenting Japanese government and military to surrender, effectively ending the Pacific conflict of World War II. Japan did not accept the terms of surrender, so the United States was forced to use another atomic bomb, Fat Man, on the city of Nagasaki. Finally, on August 15, 1945, Japan surrendered, thus ending World War II.

There were many effects stemming from the usage of the nuclear bomb. Your task is to gain an understanding of this topic from a historical standpoint, as well as examine the current implications. Your task will be to argue **PRO (for the usage of the bomb)** or **CON (against the usage of the bomb)** with your team of lawyers, and provide compelling, legitimate, and effective evidence proving your side.



A LEVEL

Complete **12 quality note cards** containing **3 bullet points of effective evidence**. Prepare for the debate according to the directions and **speak at least once** during the debate. Be a helpful, respectful, and serious lawyer and teammate.

B LEVEL

Complete **9 quality note cards** containing **3 bullet points of effective evidence**. Prepare for the debate according to the directions and **speak at least once** during the debate. Be a helpful, respectful, and serious lawyer and teammate.

C LEVEL

Complete **6 quality note cards** containing **3 bullet points of effective evidence**. Prepare for the debate according to the directions and **speak at least once** during the debate. Be a helpful, respectful, and serious lawyer and teammate.

BIG QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHILE RESEARCHING:

THE WAR:

- What started the conflict in the Pacific?
- How did the war progress? What were the major battles and what were the outcomes of those battles? How did they affect the big picture of World War II?
- What were strategies used by the United States? What about Japan?
- What are the “numbers” of World War II? (Basically, statistics. How much we were spending? How many soldiers lives were lost? How many civilian lives were lost? etc?)
- Where there other options for ending the war?

THE BOMB:

- What exactly is an atomic bomb? What does it do?
- Who created the atomic bomb?
- How did the creators feel about their accomplishment?
- What were the immediate effects of the bomb? What were the long term effects of the bomb?
- What is radiation?

THE CONSEQUENCES:

- What were the results from the United States usage of the atomic bomb in 1945?
- Have any other important historical events been associated with our actions?
- What is the Cold War?
- What is the Nuclear Arms race?

Here are some important people/places/things/events to help get you rolling:

The Code Talkers	Admiral Nimitz	Japanese Internment Camps	
Tripartite Pact	Fascism	Nuclear Arms Race/The Cold War	
Robert Oppenheimer	Albert Einstein	The Manhattan Project	
Leo Szilard	Island Hopping	Potsdam Conference	
The Trinity Test	Douglas MacArthur	Klaus Fuchs	Culture of Japan
Emperor Hirohito	Japanese Expansion	Pearl Harbor	LeMay Leaflets
Battle of Midway	President Roosevelt	President Truman	USSR
Joseph Stalin	The Geneva Convention	unconditional/conditional surrender	
Resources of Japan and the United States (think: air force, soldiers, weapons, money, etc)			
Operation Downfall	Operation Cherry Blossom	Ted Hall	land invasion of Japan
Nukes in modern times	radiation poisoning/sickness	black rain	Iwo Jima