

SHOULD WE HAVE DROPPED THE ATOMIC BOMB?

On August 6 and 9, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb first on Hiroshima and then on Nagasaki. It was not a decision that was reached without debate and that debate continues today. This is your chance to weigh in on whether or not the United States should have used this weapon. There are arguments on both sides and you must decide which ones are more convincing.

The key to this assignment will be to support your opinion with evidence. An opinion without evidence to support it will result in a poor grade on this paper. You will be provided with primary and secondary sources that will outline both sides of the argument. Copies of all of the resources will be available on eBackpack. If it helps you in writing this paper, consider this as your task: I am undecided about the use of the atomic bomb. You need to write a paper that will convince me to side with you.

To answer this question you will write a **maximum of two typed pages using 12-point font and double spacing**.

To help you with the writing process we will spend the next few classes working together on your paper. Please consult the calendar below to see what we will be doing each day.

- Wednesday, 12/12- Examine documents
- Friday, 12/14- Examine documents and work on outline
- Tuesday, 12/18- Writing day
- Thursday, 12/20- Atomic bomb paper due

The paper will be worth 43 points: points for Position Statement, 28 points for Evidence and Examples, and 10 points for Grammar and Spelling. The activities that you complete each day to help with the writing process will be worth additional points.

While I do not want to force you into a specific formula for your paper, this is what I am hoping for in your paper.

- Introduction: thesis, state your arguments
- Body Paragraphs: one for each argument, should be one that acknowledges the opposing position and provides a counter-argument (explain why the opposing argument isn't a good one or is not as important as your own arguments)

I will be looking for other elements in your paper, for example it should be written in the past tense, but the following mistakes will result in a failing grade.

- You may not write "In this paper", "This paper will", or any other variation. Just get to point.
- Obvious lack of proofreading: it is easy to tell when you didn't even hit spell check.
- You may not use the words thing, stuff, or any variations in your paper. Things and stuff always represent something else. Think about what you are trying to say and write that in your paper.

You will be able to rewrite your paper for full credit if you choose to do so. You will have one week from the time I return the papers to rewrite your paper.