Aim: Was the U.S. justified in dropping the atomic bomb on Japan?

https://wwiimaps.homestead.com/world39.html

Turning Points of World War II
- June 1941 - Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union.
- Battle of Stalingrad (1942)
- December 7, 1941 - Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor (Hawaii) → U.S. Entry.
- Battle of Midway – First Japanese defeat
- June 6, 1944 - Invasion of France at Normandy: D-DAY
  - Operation Fortitude

FALL OF THE AXIS POWERS
- July 1943 – Invasion of Italy (Britain & France) – Mussolini overthrown
- April 30th, 1945 – Hitler commits suicide
- May 7, 1945 – Germany accepts unconditional surrender
- May 8, 1945 - V-E Day – “Victory in Europe” Day
April 12, 1945

• FDR Died
• Harry Truman became President
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• Monday 4/15: Review sheet due
• Tuesday 4/16: World War II Exam
Truman’s Options

• Drop atomic bomb
• Invasion of Japan
• Negotiate a peace
• Blockade of Japan

• [YouTube Video 1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHZQQGNuBPU)
• [YouTube Video 2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpPWS-eO6OA)
Atomic Bomb

**MANHATTAN PROJECT**
- U.S. project to develop an atomic bomb.

**ENOLA GAY**
- B-29 Bomber that dropped the Atomic Bomb on Hiroshima 8/6 & Nagasaki 8/8

- **September 2, 1945** – Japan signs unconditional surrender.
Atomic Bomb

- Japanese refusal of Unconditional Surrender
- Threaten Stalin
- Invasion of Japanese islands would cost American lives.

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5OI9xrJ8Zw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5OI9xrJ8Zw)
TEHRAN CONFERENCE (1943):

• “Big Three”
  • Roosevelt (FDR) – U.S.
  • Churchill -
  • Stalin - Soviet Union

• Confirmed the launching of the cross- English Channel Normandy Invasion

• Stalin promised the Soviet Union would Declare war on Japan once Germany was defeated
YALTA CONFERENCE (Feb 1945)

• “Big Three”
• Stalin guaranteed that the Soviet Union would declare war on Japan within six months.
Should President Truman use the atomic bomb against Japan?

Hiroshima - August 6, 1945

Nagasaki – August 9, 1945