

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

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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
- Battle of the Bulge (Dec. 1944-Jan. 1945) – Allies defeat Germans in Belgium and invade Germany.
- 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
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHZQQGNuBPU>
- <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>

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