



Final Project

Take a few minutes to assess your progress so far.

1. What have you done well?
2. What do you still need to do?
3. How is your partner doing?

Schedule

- **Today** – End of the War in Europe, Decision to Drop Atomic Bomb
- **Wednesday** – Remaining Sections of the Project, Computer Lab
- **Friday** - Decision to Drop Atomic Bomb
- **Next week** – two days to work on project
- **June 2** – project due

Today

- Explain how WWII in Europe ended.
- Evaluate various arguments for and against the decision to use the atomic bomb on Japan.
- Prepare to present one argument as a group.

What the Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb Justified?

- Even 70 years after the event, the decision to drop the first atomic bomb continues to be widely debated.
- In groups you will be researching one argument either in favor of or against the decision.
- Your group will be presenting the argument and your analysis.

The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb

For	Against
1: The Bomb Saved American Lives	1: The Bomb Was Made For Defense Only
2: The Decision was made by a Committee of Shared Responsibility	3: Use of the Atomic Bombs Was Racially Motivated
3: The Japanese Were Given Fair Warning	4: There Were Alternatives
4: The Atomic Bomb was in Retaliation for Japanese Actions	7: The Atomic Bomb Was Inhumane

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- Your presentation should include:
 - The main ideas of the argument
 - Specific evidence supporting the argument (from the documents)
 - Your group's analysis of the argument (do you think this is a valid argument? Why or why not?)
 - Everyone in the group must play a role in the research and presentation – be prepared to talk for about a minute.

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1. **Prepare presentations** in groups
2. **Presentations** (take notes so you're prepared to complete the writing assignment)
3. **Discussion/debate** in groups
4. **Poll**
5. **Written Reflections** on most/least compelling arguments

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Write two paragraphs, **using specifics** from the presentations.

One on the **argument you think is least valid**. Which one doesn't have enough evidence or just doesn't make sense?

One on **the argument you think is most convincing** or you agree with most.