

Atomic Bomb Unit: Hour 6 Exit Slip

Read each reason for using the atomic bombs and circle the number for how convincing you think the reason is. Please answer for yourself, this does not have to be the opinion that you and your group gave in your projects.

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the RIGHT decision because if America invaded, many more American and Japanese people would have died. (Alternative to Invasion)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the RIGHT decision because the leaders of Japan did not want to surrender and the bomb forced them to surrender. (Death Before Dishonor)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the RIGHT decision because it saved many lives in Asia by bringing the war to a quick end. (Saved Lives)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the RIGHT decision because the concept of total war means that there is no such thing as a non-combatant, and civilians were assisting the war effort. (Total War)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the WRONG decision because it killing so many civilians and destroying so much property is not morally acceptable. (Morally Wrong)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the WRONG decision because it was a war crime to kill so many people just to force a country to surrender. (War Crime)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the WRONG decision because the Japanese leaders would have surrendered soon, even without the atomic bombings. (Militarily Unnecessary)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

Dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was the WRONG decision because it was really about showing the Soviet Union that we had the bomb. A demonstration somewhere no one lived would have worked just as well. (Cold War)

**Not Convincing**                      1      2      3      4      5                      **Very Convincing**

**Feedback on this unit** (continue on back if necessary)

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