Warm Up #6

- Is it wrong to kill masses of civilians during war? What if it were to end the war?

The Allies are Victorious (Pacific)

- FLT: I will be able to explain how the Allies were victorious in the Pacific at the end of WWII.

PACIFIC THEATRE

WWII – Bombings of Japan

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5OI9xrJ8Zw

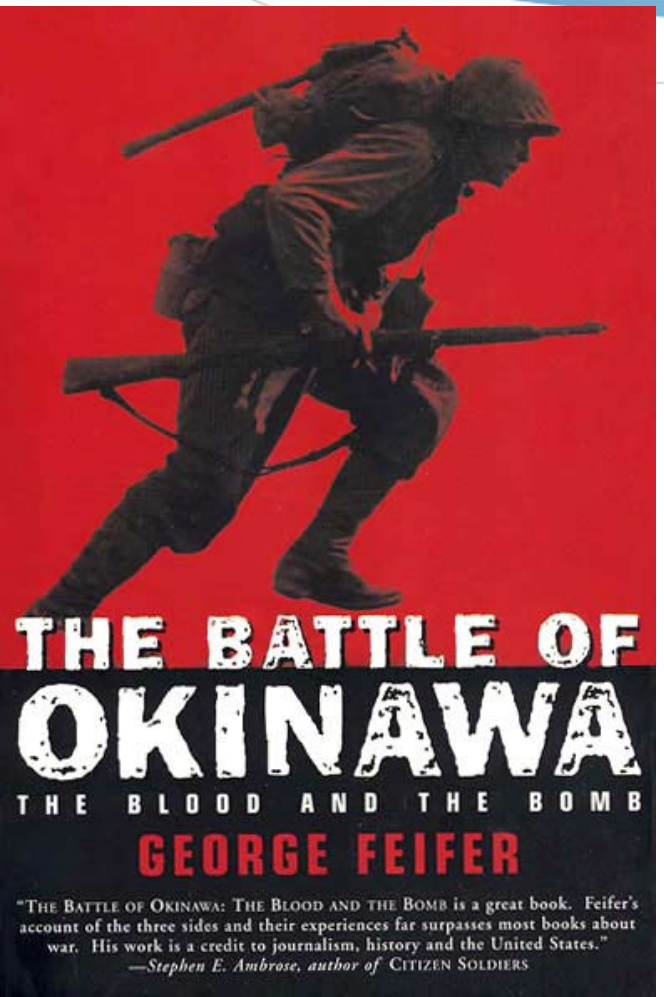
Battle of Leyte Gulf

- October 23, 1944 in the Philippines
- General Douglas MacArthur and the U.S. defeat Japan; get closer
- Japan risks everything and loses almost their entire fleet
- **Kamikaze** = suicide pilots

Battle of Iwo Jima

- February 19, 1945 in the Japanese island of Iwo Jima
- Only 660 miles away from Tokyo; U.S. gets closer to Japan
- U.S. Marines take the island after a month of fighting and heavy losses

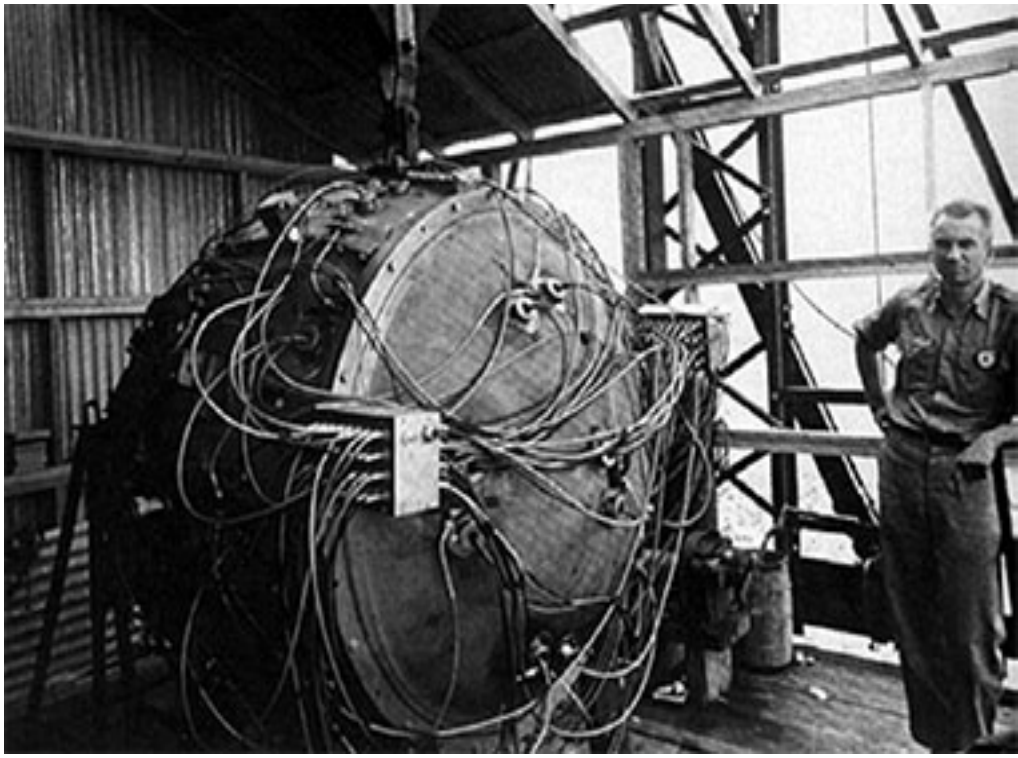
Battle of Okinawa



- April 1, 1945 in the island of Okinawa
- Only 350 miles away from Japan; U.S. moves closer and gets ready to end the war in Japan
- Bloodiest land battle of the war
- Japan lost 110,000 troops
  U.S. lost 12,500 troops

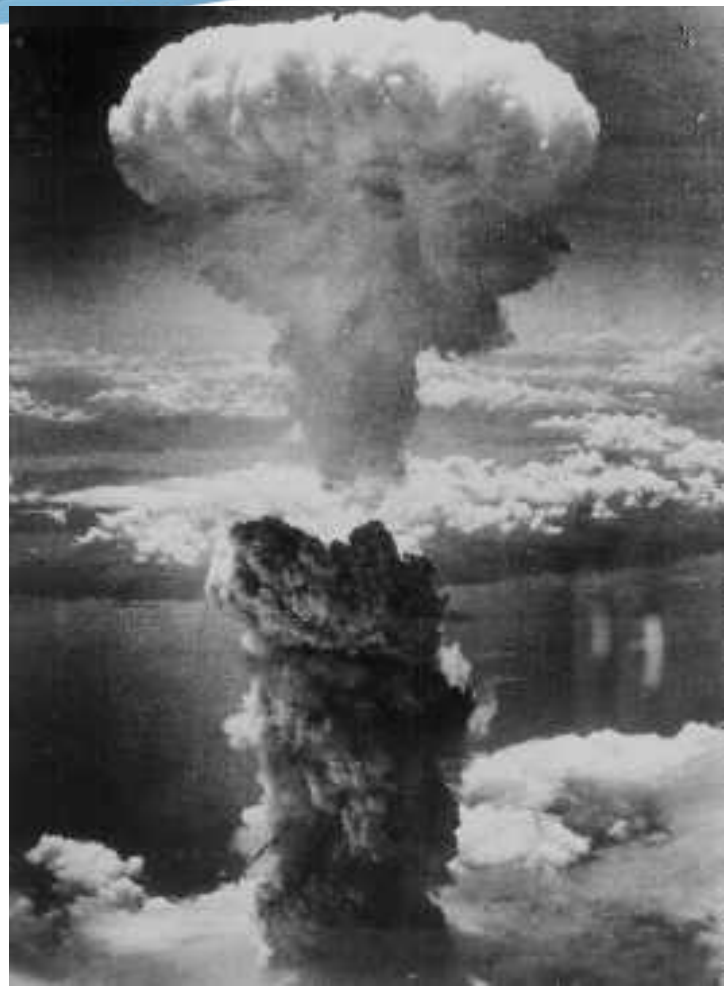
Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

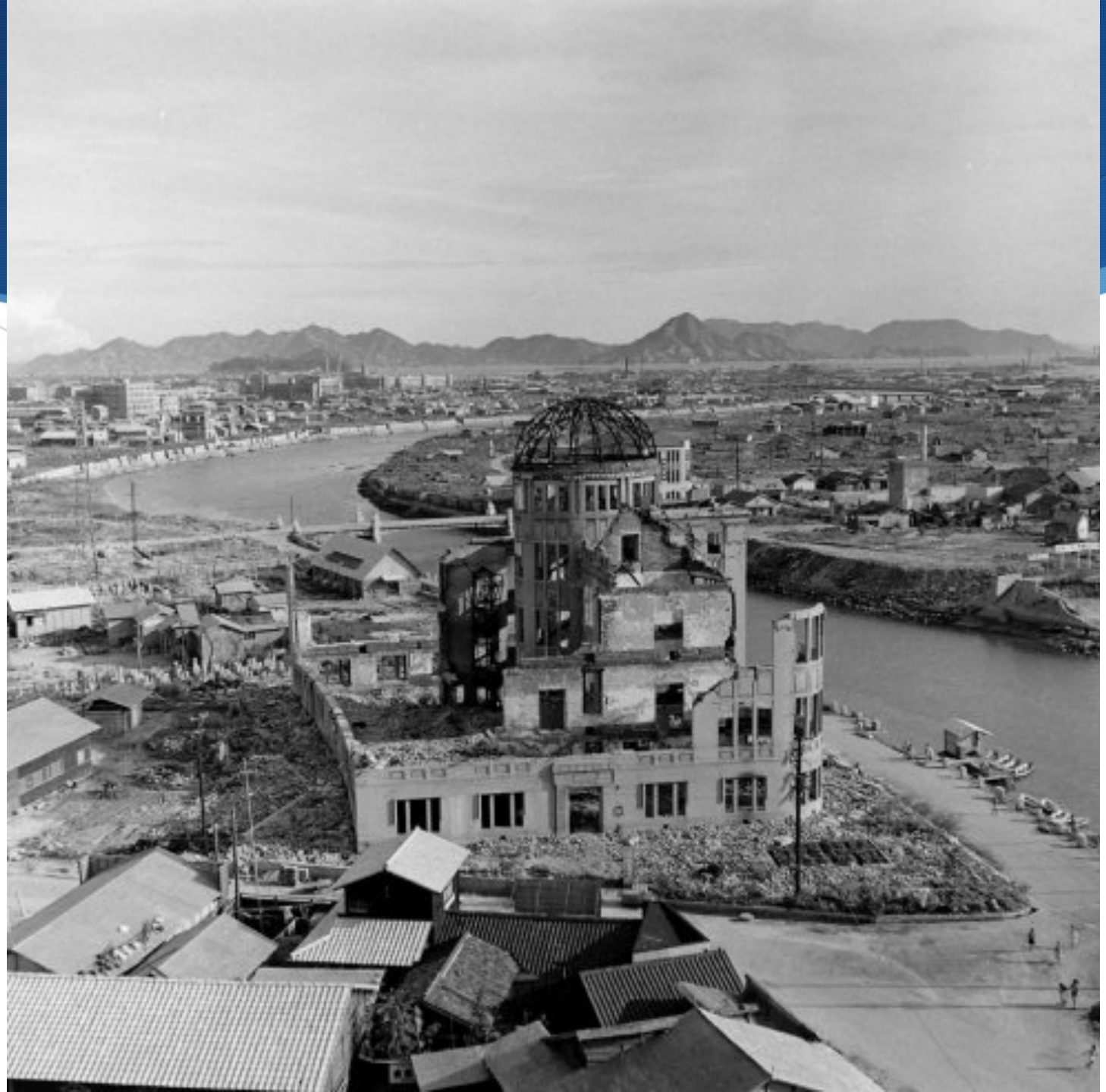
- **Manhattan Project** = code name for the top-secret building of the atomic bomb
- President Harry Truman warned Japan if they did not surrender, they could expect “rain of ruin”
- Japan did not reply
- **Enola Gay** = name of B-29 bomber (plane) that dropped the atomic bomb



Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

- August 6, 1945 – first A-bomb dropped on **Hiroshima**
- 3 days later, second A-bomb dropped on **Nagasaki**
- 73,000 died instantly in Hiroshima and 37,500 in Nagasaki. Radiation killed many more
- **Japan surrendered on September 2, 1945; end of WWII**





Paragraph Response #3

- Explain how the Allies were victorious in the Pacific to end WWII. What were the key events that led to Japan's surrender?

Hiroshima & Nagasaki Socratic Seminar

Should the U.S. have dropped the atomic bombs in Japan?

- Socially – morals, values, beliefs
  "Was it morally right to kill hundreds of thousands of innocent lives in Hiroshima and Nagasaki?"
- Economically – cost of lives, resources
  "Were the bombings a good solution and alternative to potentially losing half a million American troops?"
- Politically – government, foreign relations
  "Should governments and countries over the world invest in the development of nuclear weapons?"

Should the U.S. have dropped the atomic bombs in Japan?

Instructions:

1. Everyone must participate.

2. The first row will discuss first, while everyone else is listening and taking notes.

3. Then we will rotate as the first row moves to the back. Again, **everyone must participate.**

Socratic Seminar - guidelines

Agree	Disagree
- I agree with what _____ is saying because…	- Another point of view might be…
- To piggy back on what _____ said, I think…	- Although I see what _____ is saying, I think…
- I think what _____ said is a great point because…	- I think what _____ said is a great point, but…