**Atomic Bomb Paper**

**Background**: As you know, President Harry Truman was left with a major decision about ending the war with the Japanese. With the success of the Manhattan Project, the creation of the world’s first atomic bomb, Truman had three options. He could:

1) Invade Japan with allied troops. This would result in high deaths on both sides and an unknown timeline.

2) Drop an atomic bomb out in the Pacific away from people to show Japan our military strength.

3) Drop the bomb without warning to “shock” Japan into surrendering.

**Directions**: In a 3-5 page MLA format essay (that is 3 FULL pages, minimum), you will argue what decision Truman should have made and why. You have already been given several documents that you may use to form your argument as well as cite in your paper. You can, if you choose to, complete additional research outside of the documents provided, but again, you are not required to. I will be checking for grammar so be sure to proof read your essay. Proof reading means more than simply selecting spell check in your word document. You will also need to cite properly. This paper will count as a test.

**Due Date**:A hard copy of this paper will be due at the beginning of the period on Friday, March 6th. If you fail to turn it on time, your grade for this assignment will automatically be deducted 25%. You will also need to submit your paper into turnitin.com by 11:59 p.m. the night before (Thursday, March 5th). Failure to submit your paper to turnitin.com will result in a zero for this assignment. If you submit it late, again, it will result in an automatic 25% deduction for your grade. You will need to enroll yourself into my class on the website. Here is what you’ll need to do if you **DO NOT** already have an account:

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**Points**: This paper is worth a total of 150 points. You will have next Wednesday and Thursday to work on it in class. If you have any questions regarding the assignment, please ask me in class or email me at [amber.toller@leusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:amber.toller@leusd.k12.ca.us).