

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. You will also need to submit your paper into Canvas by 11:59 p.m. the night before (Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>). If you fail to turn it on time (for the Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> due date), your grade for this assignment will automatically be deducted 25%. Your essay will automatically be ran through turnitin.com when you upload it to Canvas. You **DO NOT** need to create a separate account for Turnitin.com. All of your Canvas accounts are automatically linked to the plagiarism website. Your upload must be a file upload and not a picture of your essay. If you type up your essay using Google Docs, you will need to convert it to a Word Document or PDF as the Google Docs link **WILL NOT** work with Canvas.

**Discussion:** On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be engaging in a discussion with your classmates based on what you argued in your essay. More details will be given on this assignment in class at a later time.

**Plagiarism:** Essays with a high plagiarism rate are typically due to cheating. If you cheat on this essay, you will receive an automatic zero. Once you cheat on an assignment, you **CAN NOT** make it up. I have students every year who cheat on this assignment. Please, don't do it or you will take a zero and dig yourself a hole what will be very difficult to climb out of.

**Points:** This paper is worth a total of 150 points. You will have next Wednesday and Thursday to work on your essay 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)

**How to Write a Thesis:** Last semester, we had gone over how to write a thesis as well as words to avoid when writing an essay. That PPT will be linked underneath the Atomic Bomb Essay Directions, however, I do want to point out words that should be avoided when writing your essay:

## In other words...



### Words to Avoid:

- I, you, we
- might
- maybe
- perhaps
- all
- none
- always
- never
- am, are, is, was, were, be, being, been



### Words to Use:

- often
- primarily
- frequently
- too often
- regularly
- some
- many
- most

I am more than happy to give you feedback on a rough draft of your essay or even give you guidance in general, but you'll need to be proactive about your essay in order for me to do that (i.e. if you wait until the day it's due, I will not be able to give you feedback, however, the Tuesday before it's due would work).

I will be hosting an Extreme Saturday this Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, from 8am-12pm. If you like, you can come in, work on annotating your documents, get guidance on your essay, etc. I will not helicopter you. The time is yours to use as you see fit. You do, however, need to be here for the 4 hours. You will receive breakfast and lunch.