

The Atomic Bomb: Destroyer of Worlds

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Our project is on the atomic bomb and its new frontier in warfare and the world. Our topic relates to this year's theme "Frontiers in History; People, Places, and Ideas" because the bomb was a brand new frontier that shocked the whole world. The two atomic bomb droppings in Japan were the first time that anything like this new explosive had ever been dropped on a large community. It wiped out entire cities with just one powerful explosion, which had never been done before. The 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons cleared the immediate threat, but there are still nuclear threats even with the Treaty in effect. We chose our topic by looking at world issues today and looking into how we could go further in-depth into topics people refer to, but don't actually understand too well.

In order to better understand our topic, we had to use various sources, including websites, videos, pictures, and some books that had a detailed explanation of the atomic bomb and the different events that included it. We also interviewed a college professor, Peter Kuznick, about some of his opinions about the atomic bomb. He played a significant role in our understanding of the topic and was very beneficial to our project. We used many books from our class trip to the Minneapolis Hennepin Library and a few from our local Delano library. We used a couple of direct quotes and some knowledge we gained to form our own sentences about the topics we discussed in a Zoom meeting. Our understanding has changed since we started researching by changing the way we looked at the history and the effects of the bomb.

Our group chose to do a website because we have past experience with the website building platform from using it in sixth grade and we had lots of information to present. We

created it by logging on to a website platform named WebCentral, making all the tabs, and typing in all the information/research under each tab. Some skills we learned while making our project were different ways to cite and search for information, learning to better phrase sentences, and most importantly, working together and being a team.

While fighting to end WWII, American-German scientists embarked on a new frontier, changing warfare and the world by developing the atomic bomb. Although it was used to end the bloodiest conflict in human history, it led to national controversy about whether the U.S. should have gone to such extreme measures. As a result, the United Nations signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, hoping to deter their further use. Our topic is significant to history because it forged the way to a new frontier, invented a new warfare technique, and changed people and countries' history, however horribly it happened. It marked a dark time in history but also carved the way to country recognition and patriotism, and made life-changing impacts on not only Japan's history but also the world's.