

The Manhattan Project

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How I chose my topic was thinking about historical events in the Pacific War that I did not know much about. I decided to choose the Manhattan Project because I enjoy reading about the Pacific War and I wanted to know what ended the Second World War. An interesting thing I learned is that an atomic bomb was tested in New Mexico before the “Fat Man” and “Little Boy” bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki (Destroyer of Worlds...). How my subject relates to the theme is because it revolutionized how wars are fought, medicine, and technology. The reactions to the Manhattan Project were mixed. Some people who worked on the Manhattan Project did not agree with the destruction it would cause. While others were happy because the bomb would get revenge on Japan and end World War Two. I conducted my research by finding sources that talked about what led up to the founding of the Manhattan Project, what happened while the Manhattan Project was happening, and what happened during its final days. As long as researching famous reforms that came from the Manhattan Project, such as the Atomic Act of 1946. I also researched famous inventions that came from the Manhattan Project, such as medical imaging systems, radiation treatments for different types cancer, or nuclear power (Peaceful Nuclear Innovations). Primary sources that were useful was an account of a man working on the Manhattan Project, it showed people’s different perspectives and how while some people thought the Manhattan Project was cruel, they worked anyway. How I found my primary sources was looking for documents from the time . Such as the declaration of surrender that Japan signed. Or other documents such as newspapers, interviews or books. How I created my project was by making all website pages that were needed, then filled them with the information that was required. I put navigation buttons at the top and made sure that the link directed me to the

correct page. I added photos with a citation as required, and also used in text citations where needed. The layout of my pages has buttons on the top, then a photo with a citation. Then I filled a text box with the information that was required for that specific page. My historical argument is that the Manhattan Project was revolutionary because it changed the way people fight wars. As well as revolutionizing technology and medicine. The Manhattan Project's reaction was widespread, while many people saw the Manhattan Project as a way to end the war, other people saw it as cruel and horrifying. There were many reforms that came from the Manhattan Project that were great. One being the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, which gave the U.S. government complete control over nuclear materials. Some ways my topic is significant to history is that the Manhattan Project ended the Pacific War and the Second World War. It also changed how wars are fought, medicine and technology forever.