

Ms. Tria
AP US History
Project: 30 pts
1920's, 1930's, WWII
Topic: Use of Atomic Bomb

Assigned: Wednesday, March 9, 2016
Due: Friday, March 11, 2016

How was the USA's use of an atomic weapon justified? Some historians argue that the USA's decision to drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima was a diplomatic measure calculated to intimidate the Soviet Union in the post-WWII era rather than a strictly military measure designed to force Japan's unconditional surrender.

Assignment: In a three-page typed essay present the following information:

Page #1: use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima was a diplomatic measure to intimidate the USSR in the post-WWII era

Page#2: use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima was a strictly military measure designed to force Japan's unconditional surrender

Page #3: you decide which position is most accurate and defend your judgment.

In each page be sure to cite specific opinions and evidence as presented in the document packet (names of people and/or organizations/committees). You should use information and inferences from them.

Enjoy—we debate in class!