

*From the Desk of Ms. Tria*  
Social Studies, Grade 9

UNIT: Japan  
PROJECT: Outside Literature, Reading and Analysis

Date Assigned: Thursday, May 5, 2016  
Date Due: Thursday, May 12, 2016

According to Japanese prize-winning author Kenzaburo Oe, the massive loss or injury to life and livelihood caused by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was, for single-bomb attacks, unprecedented. Many scholars have evaluated the merit of the USA bombings and the extent of the resulting damage.

For this assignment, you will read various historians' perspectives on why the USA decided to use the atomic bomb. You will also read a short story written by a Japanese author about the atomic bombings of either Hiroshima or Nagasaki. You will then create a storyboard in which you visually present what insight the author offers about the merit and results of the use of atomic weapons. Your storyboard can be hand drawn or computer generated. It should be on standard size paper (8 ½ x 11) or larger if you choose. It should be approximately 6 boxes of story (similar to a comic strip, with very little text). It can briefly depict life before the bomb as discussed in the story and then life after the bomb. Remember, your storyboard should easily reveal the author's message in the story as well as the most important thing you learned after reading the story. The storyboard will be presented in class and count as a test grade.