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Grade 10th Course U.S. History Class Period(s) 1

Lesson Topic The Decision to drop the atomic bomb

Objective

Correlation to MA Standards

Students should be able to:

Explain the reasons for the dropping of atom bombs on Japan and their short and long-term effects.

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Analyze the factors that contributed to the Cold War and describe the policy of containment as America's response to Soviet expansionist policies

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Resources

Primary Source selections Stimson Diary entry 4/25/45, Stimson Diary entry 5/14/45, Truman Diary entry 5/21/45

Activities/Methods

Using the PowerPoint presentation, review the events leading up to the decision to drop the atomic bomb

Explain and discuss the decision to make research and construct a bomb / Manhattan Project (Slide 2)

Explain and discuss the background and use of the bomb to end WWII against the Japanese in 1945 (Slides 3)

Explain and discuss alternate theories and motivations during and after the WWII period (Slides 4)

Using the 3 primary source documents led a class analysis and discussion on the decision to drop the atomic bomb

Assessment

Class participation Unit Quiz ... Term Test