

Week 3: Using the Bomb - Discussion

1. Water setting off the little boy
 - If you put water in the channel of the bomb, then it will release enough neutrons to start the fission reactions
2. pumpkin units
 - Casing of fat man filled with explosives to practice dropping the bombs
3. Why choose Hiroshima?
 - One of the few targets that hasn't been bombed
 - Indication that it wasn't as important
 - It had a 'military base'
 - Moral authority to target the city
 - Because Kyoto was untargeted
 - Good target for the technical aspect of the bomb
 - Can be destroyed with one atomic bomb