

NHD-Hiroshima "Little Boy"

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I got the idea for Hiroshima when one of my friend called me, "little boy" which happens to be the code name of the atomic bomb dropped in Hiroshima. I tried to relate this with the topic, triumph and tragedy and in my surprise it fit almost perfectly. The lost lives and the damage cost was tragic however the nuclear age has been a triumph.

I did a lot of research for my topic as it is was a broad topic. I read a book, *Hiroshima* by John Hersey. I watched a movie called *Hiroshima*, which helped me understand the damage cost by "little boy". Apart from the book and the movie, I visited a lot of different websites and used it for my project. I also contacted to a history professor and asked him some questions about the bombings. He gave me some vital information and explained common misconceptions people have relating to the topic.

My understanding about this topic has changed drastically. I used to think that the actions of United States were justifiable as it ended the Second World War. However, I learnt that Japan did not surrender because of the bombing but because of the Soviet invasion of Japanese-held territories.

I learnt a lot of skills throughout my project. I learnt how to research effectively, how to make a website, and how to email an export on the topic. I learnt a lot of things about how nuclear bombs are made and how dangerous they are. To put together all of my research, I made a document and added all my information there. Then I made a website and added all the important things that show how the bombing was both, a triumph and tragedy.

My topic related to the theme, triumph and tragedy. The lost lives and the damage in the city of Hiroshima was tragic but the nuclear age has been a triumph. This topic is very important in history as it shows how cruel a war can be. It shows that wars do no good. It shows that wars only do damage and nothing else. It shows the growing risk from nuclear weapons. Keeping these things in mind, Hiroshima has a flame of peace which will be burning until the last nuclear bomb on the planet has been denuclearized.