

# Asia



## WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Why did the Nuclear bomb at Hiroshima happen?



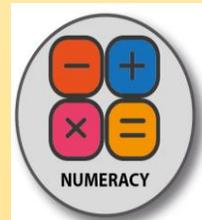
## WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

A set of notes that explains the reasons why it happened.

### Silent Study Starter:

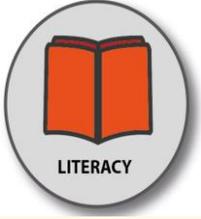
Read the information on your 'what happened' worksheet. Make a mind map of at least 3 key pieces of information from the sheet and this slide

# HIROSHIMA



Are you points ready?

# Where is Hiroshima?



1. Identify where Hiroshima is on a map.

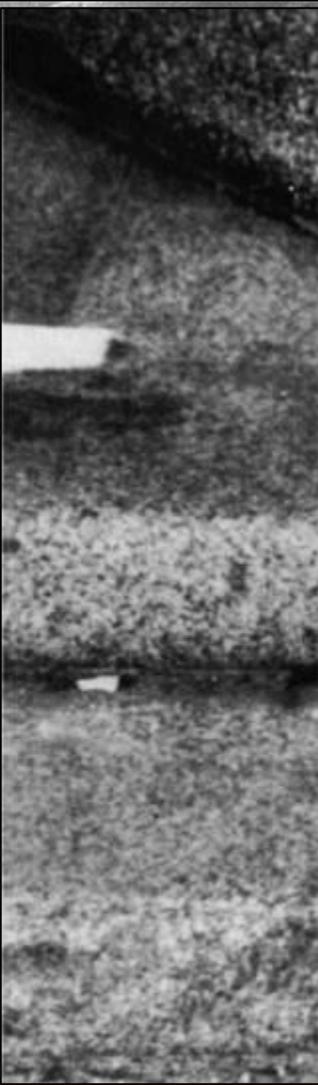


2. Watch the video Write down a heading 'Impacts of the Hiroshima attack' and take at least three notes.

3. Use the reading sheet to find out more impacts.

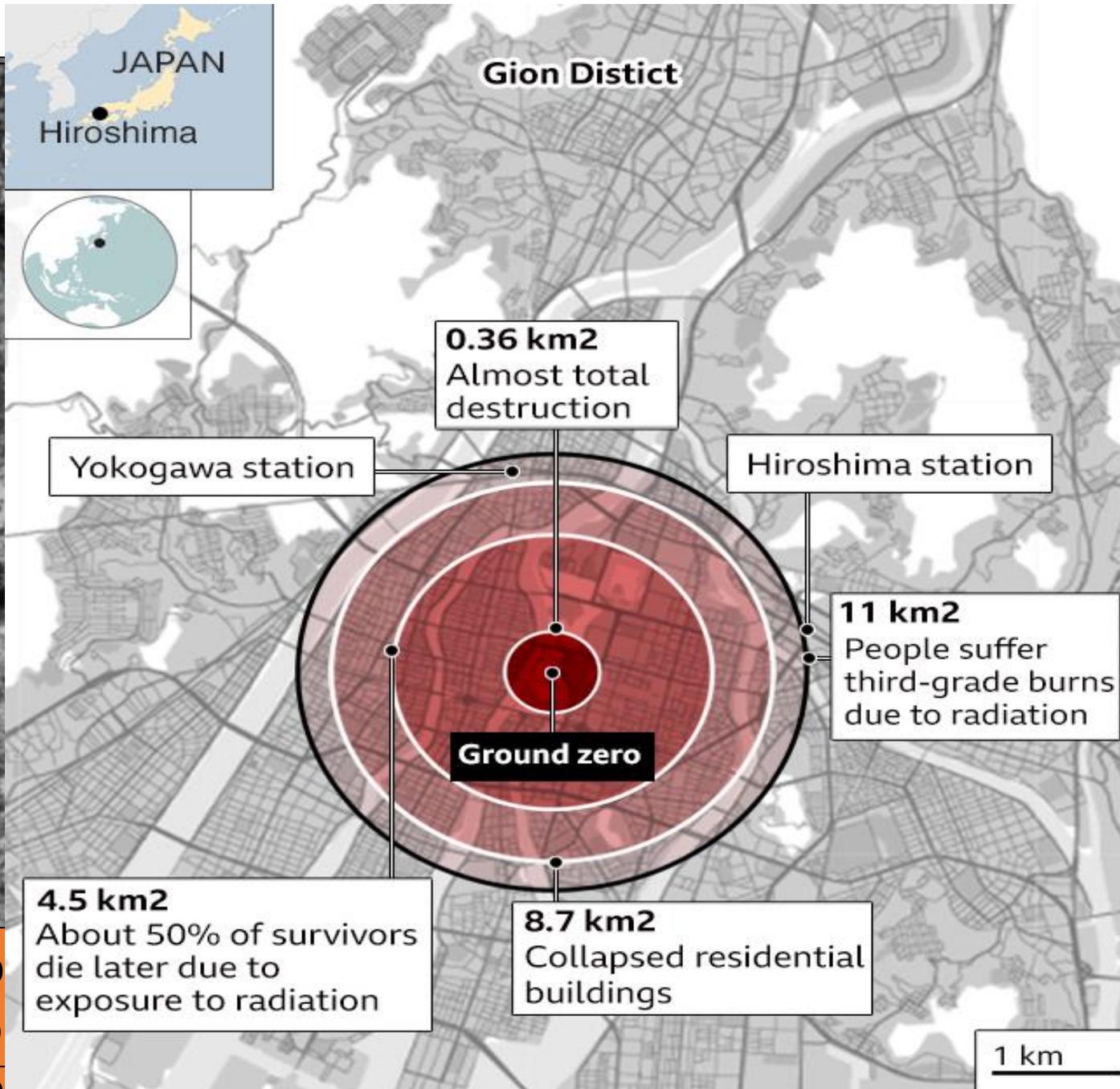


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Source: Nukemap





- There are four main character cards: Herbert Hoover, Colonel Paul Tibbets, Akihiro Takahashi and Hisatsune Sakomizu.
- Read your character card. What are the arguments for the bomb being dropped?
- Find someone who has a card that is different to yours and note down what the arguments are for or against dropping the bomb

### Herbert Hoover

'The use of the atomic bomb, with its indiscriminate killing of women and children, revolts my soul.'

**Who:** Herbert Hoover, Republican President (1929-1933).

**Right or wrong:** Hoover was critical of the decision to drop the bomb. He wrote the above in an open letter in 1951.



### Colonel Paul Tibbets

*'We knew it was going to kill people right and left. But my one driving interest was to do the best job I could so that we could end the killing as quickly as possible.'*

**Who:** Colonel Paul Tibbets, pilot of the Enola Gay, the B-29 Superfortress which dropped the nuclear bomb on Hiroshima.

**Right or wrong:** Paul Tibbets remained convinced that dropping the bomb was necessary to end the war. He said the above in 2005, aged 90.

Now use your notes to have a debate

**Motion:** 'the Hiroshima and Nagasaki attacks were necessary'

### Akihiro Takahashi

'There was no need to drop the bomb on cities, because it was an experiment [...] It's apparent that the U.S. had created the atomic bomb after a huge expense, and they wanted to test it.'

**Who:** Hiroshima survivor Akihiro Takahashi, later director of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

**Right or wrong:** Akihiro Takahashi campaigned to end the use of nuclear weapons, and made the above claim in a 1995 interview.



### Hisatsune Sakomizu

'The atomic bomb was a golden opportunity given by heaven for Japan to end the war.'

**Who:** Minister Hisatsune Sakomizu, Japanese chief cabinet secretary during World War Two and a member of the peace faction in the Japanese government.

**Right or wrong:** Hisatsune Sakomizu accepted that dropping the bomb was necessary as he believed the war was already lost and Japan would suffer by letting it continue.

# Writing task



Use your notes or the background reading sheet to help you



Either write a diary extract from the perspective of a Japanese citizen that **describes** the Hiroshima bombing.



AND/OR write an **explanation** of reasons why the USA dropped the bomb



AND/OR write an **discussion** that explains reasons why the USA should and shouldn't have dropped the bomb.



**HAS OUR LEARNING  
BEEN SUCCESSFUL?**



Plenary:  
Editing.

- Carefully proof read your work and check you have used capital letters accurately.
- For ALL of your capital letters put a box around them.
- This includes any capital letters that you have missed.
- Do not correct your work, only put the box around them.

## Capital Checklist

Capital letters are needed:

- ✓ At the start of sentences.
- ✓ For names.
- ✓ For places.
- ✓ Every time you write 'I' (as in I am).

Words we have used today that definitely need capital letters are:

- Japan

# Additional Silent Study Starter

Use a mini-white board to draw one of the key facts we learned in last lesson.