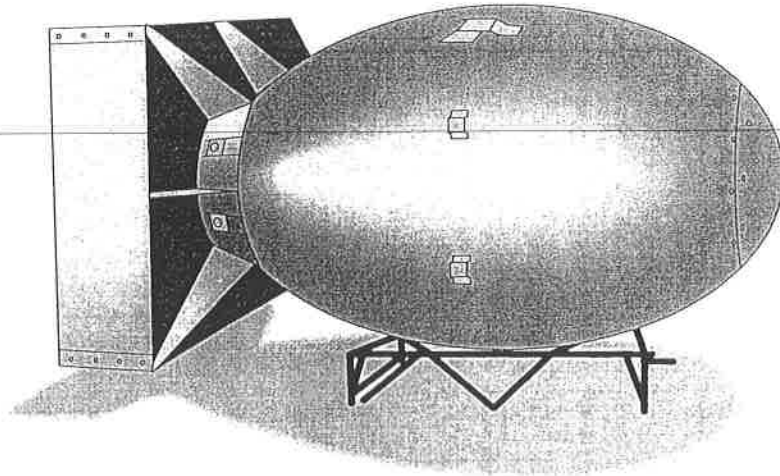


THE ATOM BOMB

On August 6th, 1945 the world's first atom bomb was dropped on the Japanese City of Hiroshima. The Atom bomb was dropped by an American B-29 bomber.

The bomb dropped on Nagasaki on August 9th 1945 was called Fat Man. It was an implosion-type fission bomb that used plutonium.



The atom bomb was described by a Japanese journalist as a glaring pink light in the sky that burned peoples' eyes out. Anyone within a mile of the explosion from the atom bomb became a bundle of smoking black charcoal within seconds.

About 90,000-140,000 people were killed. Those who were still alive writhed in agony from their burns. The atom bomb obliterated more than 4 sq miles and there was very heavy damage outside that area.

Three days later the USA dropped another atom bomb on Nagasaki. About 60,000-80,000 people were killed by this atom bomb.

On August 14 Japan surrendered and World War II was finally over.

QUESTIONS

1. When was the first bomb dropped?
2. Which city was it dropped on?
3. What was the nickname given to the bomb?
4. How did a Japanese journalist describe the bomb?
5. What happened to anyone living within a mile of the explosion?
6. How many people were killed immediately?
7. What do you think the word "obliterated" means?
8. Which city was the second to suffer?
9. When did this happen?
10. Why do you think Japan surrendered?

Name: _____

Date: _____

World War II Matching Activity



What did a man find in his pocket that only had a head and a tail? A Penny!

Clues are listed below. Print the word that matches the clue on the blank line by the clue. (Image courtesy of National Archives and Records Administration.)

1. _____ A nuclear weapon in which enormous energy is released by nuclear fission
2. _____ Cultural icon representing the woman who worked in factories during World War II
3. _____ Became 33rd President of the United States on Roosevelt's death in 1945 and was elected President in 1948; authorized the use of atomic bombs against Japan
4. _____ The date the Allies celebrated victory in Europe. May 8, 1945
5. _____ Japan surrendered to the Allies, August 14, 1945; formal surrender took place September 2, 1945, ending the war.
6. _____ The alliance of Italy, Germany and Japan
7. _____ Code name for the secret United States project set up in 1942 to develop atomic bombs for use in World War II
8. _____ German word meaning "lightning war"
9. _____ Communist dictator of Soviet Union
10. _____ The first day of the Allied invasion of Normandy
11. _____ United States physicist who directed the project at Los Alamos that developed the first atomic bomb
12. _____ United States general who supervised the invasion of Normandy and the defeat of Nazi Germany; 34th President of the United States
13. _____ Italian fascist dictator
14. _____ A German member of Adolf Hitler's political party
15. _____ Japanese prime minister and mastermind of Japanese military
16. _____ A ruler who is unconstrained by law
17. _____ The alliance of Britain, France and Russia
18. _____ German Nazi dictator during World War II
19. _____ Nickname for the American plane that dropped the Atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan.
20. _____ A war in which Great Britain, France, the Soviet Union, the United States, China, and other allies defeated Germany, Italy, and Japan. (1939-1945)

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Hideki Tojo

D-Day

Harry S. Truman

Joseph Stalin

Enola Gay

Nazi

Benito Mussolini

Dictator

J. Robert Oppenheimer

Biltzkrieg

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