

## Teacher Notes



# Truman's Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb

## Activity 4 Assessment

### Activity at a Glance

- ◆ **Subject:** Social Studies
- ◆ **Subject Area:** U. S. History
- ◆ **Category:** World War II
- ◆ **Topic:** The Atomic Bomb
- ◆ **Grade Level:** 11
- ◆ **Prerequisites:** Students should have knowledge concerning events that led to the decision to develop and use the atomic bomb and the impact of that decision.
- ◆ **Total Teaching Time:** 20 minutes

### Materials

- ◆ TI-83 Plus
- ◆ TI External Keyboard
- ◆ TI Connectivity Cable and TI Connect™ software or TI-Navigator™ Classroom Network
- ◆ Learningcheck™ App installed on each student's TI-83 Plus
- ◆ Resource File: **Atomic Bomb Assessment.edc**
- ◆ Student Work Sheet: **Assessment: Atomic Bomb** (optional)
- ◆ Teacher Guide: **Answer Key to Assessment: Atomic Bomb**

### *Activity Overview*

This is an assessment of the content knowledge each student should have with regard to the causes and effects associated with the decision to use the atomic bomb to force the Japanese surrender during World War II.

### *Directions*

#### *Before the Activity Begins*

Distribute the file, **Atomic Bomb Assessment.edc**, to the class.

#### *During the Activity*

Students complete the ten-question assessment. This is an individual effort.

***After the Activity***

Have the students submit their completed assessments to the teacher’s PC in the same manner used to transmit files earlier in this lesson.

Note: The Teacher Guide at the end of this activity contains the answer key for the assessment questions.

## ***Student Data Sheet***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Assessment: Atomic Bomb***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Put the following events in chronological order:
  - \_\_\_ V-E Day Europe
  - \_\_\_ U.S. Drops Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima then Nagasaki
  - \_\_\_ Battle of the Midway
  - \_\_\_ Japan Surrenders
  - \_\_\_ Pearl Harbor
2. Identify the U.S. president that made the decision to use the atomic bomb to force Japan to surrender during World War II.
  - A. Truman
  - B. Roosevelt
  - C. Harding
  - D. Eisenhower
3. Which single event prompted the U.S. to enter World War II?
  - A. Germany invaded Poland
  - B. Japan moves into Indochina
  - C. The U.S. is attacked by Japan at Pearl Harbor
  - D. None of the above

#### True or False

- \_\_\_ 4. The name of the project that developed the first U.S. atomic bomb was called "The Manhattan Project".
- \_\_\_ 5. Nagasaki was the first city that was hit by the atomic bomb.
- \_\_\_ 6. Truman was responsible for bringing the scientists together to develop the first atomic bomb.
- \_\_\_ 7. The firebombing raids on Tokyo, March 10, 1945 caused more casualties than the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima.
- \_\_\_ 8. All of the scientists who worked on The Manhattan Project supported President Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb on Japan.

Extended Response

9. Describe three reasons that were used in the argument to support the U.S. decision to use the atomic bomb to force Japanese surrender during WWII.

10. Identify three key points that discouraged use of the atomic bombs on Japan.

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**Teacher Guide****Answer Key to Assessment: Atomic Bomb**

1. The correct order is:  
Pearl Harbor  
Battle of the Midway  
V-E day Europe  
U. S. Drops Atomic Bombs  
Japan Surrenders
2. The correct answer is A. Truman.
3. The correct answer is C. The U. S. is attacked by Japan at Pearl Harbor
4. T
5. F
6. F
7. T
8. F
9. The students' answers should include the following points and elaborate upon them:
  - ◆ Save lives by shortening war
  - ◆ U.S. attacked without warning Pearl Harbor
  - ◆ Necessary for U.S. to develop and use before one of her enemies did
  - ◆ Japan had violated international war law
10. The students' answer should include the following points and elaborate upon them:
  - ◆ Sacrifice support for U.S. if used by U.S. first
  - ◆ Create nuclear arms race
  - ◆ U.S. would have large casualties if an atomic bomb was used in retaliation on a large metropolitan area
  - ◆ More difficult to reach arms agreement in the future.