

Debate: President Truman and the Atomic Bomb

Opening statement – Provide your facts... don't argue the other side's points yet.

Rebuttal – Comment on the other side's arguments and prove them wrong.

Closing statement – Sum up your argument and stress your most important points.

Debate Structure

Introduction	2
Prepare	10
Statement 1	3
Statement 2	3
Prepare	5
Rebuttal 1	3
Rebuttal 2	3
Prepare	5
Closing Statement 1	3
Closing Statement 2	3
Conclusion/Debriefing	Time Remaining

Question:

“Was the use of the atomic bomb in 1945 necessary to end World War II? Why or why not?”

Debriefing:

1. Was the use of the atomic bomb in 1945 necessary to end World War II? Why or why not?
2. How would “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” have led to tension between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War? In other words, how did the end of WWII lead to the Cold War?

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Directions:

In the chart below, take notes on each point of view. You will be using these notes to formulate your own opinion.

YES, the atomic bomb was necessary.	NO, the atomic bomb was unnecessary.

Answer the following questions:

“Was the use of the atomic bomb in 1945 necessary to end World War II? Why or why not?” Use information from the chart to support your argument.

How would “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” have led to tension between the United States and the Soviet Union during the Cold War? (In other words, how did the end of WWII lead to the Cold War?)