

Debate: President Truman and the Atomic Bomb

Question:

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

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?)