

How it has Changed the World

The History Channel has many different shows and one of them is 101 Weapons that Changed the World, and it goes through the most influential weapons ever created. Some of the choices on the list surprised me but one that didn't at all was number 1, the Nuclear Bomb. Being at the top of the list shows how immensely powerful this weapons truly is. It has affected almost everyone in one way or another, and the list can range from warfare to psychology.

You may not think of the nuclear bomb as something that has changed the world for the better, but if you dive into it actually has more positive than negative effects and has saved many lives. Its first positive effect takes place in World War II, and its only official usage. After Japan refused to surrender, America dropped two nuclear bombs on the cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Now it may seem like this is a horrible thing, but it actually was more of a positive. To start it quickly ended a war that had taken many lives and had been dragging on for many years, which was a huge relief for the rest of the world. To go along with that, this saved many more lives as now Allied troops didn't have to land on the Japanese mainland something that would have resulted in many more deaths.

After ending the war it also prevented possible war because fear that world powers now have of each other. This is seen in the infamous Cold War, where America and Russia built up their arms and aimed them at each other. Thankfully war never broke out, and before Nuclear weapons it possibly could have, but with their existence fear lurked through both the US and Soviet Union. Neither side wanted to start a nuclear war as they knew the dire consequences that would follow. The most likely scenario would have been complete destruction of both sides, something no one wanted to see happen. This stays true up to today, and because of mutual respect, we have had one of the longest periods of peace between world powers in the history of the world.

No war between world powers means also that the world has been able to come closer together all while keeping themselves safe and the global economy stable. Nuclear weapons scare off major powers and leave only groups like terrorists who we have to deal with using our military. This is a huge plus as everyday civilians have little to fear. The problem is there still are bad effects, and the future looks like it could be dim if peace is ever disrupted between world powers.

Nuclear weapons are definitely something dangerous that everyone should fear. They have changed the world for the worse with this destructive power and the future looks pretty scary. These bombs continue to get more and more powerful, meaning they can take more and more lives along with it, which is not a positive at all. Also they were the big man behind the Cold War, and that was a scary time for both the US and the Soviet Union. Since they are so scary and powerful, this means that most world powers have an abundance of them pointed around the world ready to fire at a moment's notice. This creates a reality that one misstep and World War III is right around the corner, this time with the lead role of the hydrogen bomb. This would leave the world in ruin and completely destroy the structure we have placed it on. No one would be able to come out as a winner and the consequences would last for centuries.

Nuclear Weapons have completely changed the world for the better up to where we are out now, but in the future one misstep by any world power would create worldwide destruction that we could not recover from.