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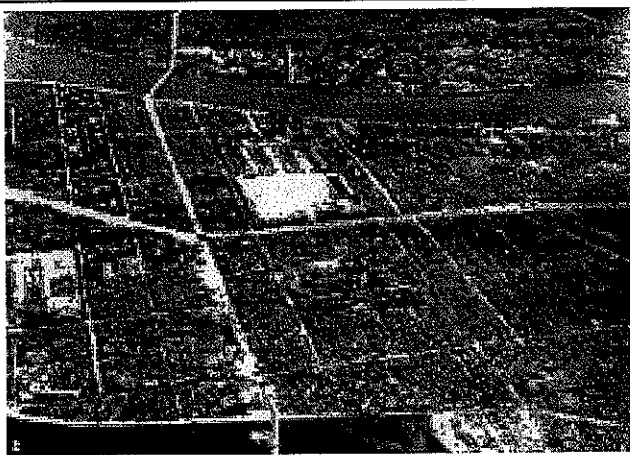
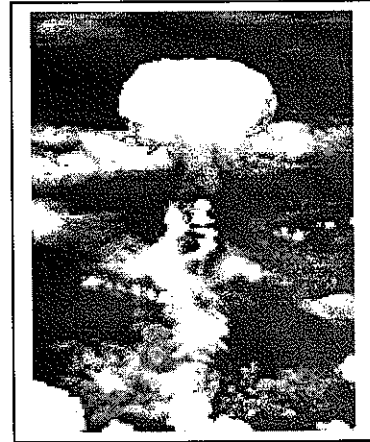
The Atomic Bomb - Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Period: _____

Facts:

On August 6, 1945, the U.S. dropped an Atomic Bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan.

- 60,000-80,000 people died as a direct result of the bomb blast
- About 100 square miles of the city was completely destroyed
- Over the next 10 years, 40,000 people died as a result of injuries from the bomb or radiation poisoning.
- On August 7, 1945, the U.S. demanded Japan surrender immediately and unconditionally.
- On August 9, 1945, the U.S. dropped a second Atomic Bomb on Nagasaki



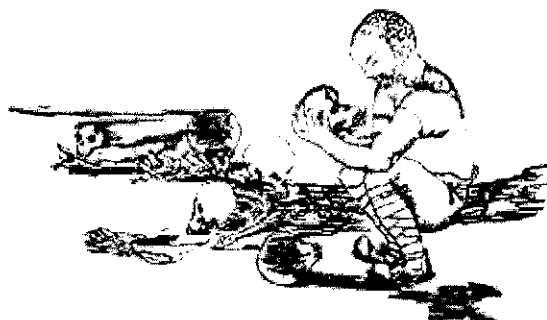
Hiroshima after the bomb attack

Miss Toshiko Sasaki, a clerk, was in her office when the bomb struck. For many hours she lay buried beneath a pile of books. Her leg was crushed. Finally, she was dragged out and left under a lean-to for days. Her leg did not heal properly and despite several operations, she walked with a limp.

Dr. Masakazu Fujii watched his house tumble into a river; he was trapped in tree branches wearing only his underwear. After struggling free, he escaped to a friend's house in the north. He died after spending nine years in a coma brought on by a suicide attempt.

Hatsuyo Nakamura, a widowed seamstress, was caught in her home's rubble with her children, but managed to free them and escape to a relative's home. She suffered many years with radiation sickness which made it very difficult for her to work and provide for her family.

When I was rescued, my hair was burned, my face was inflated like a balloon. Pieces of my skin were hanging off my arms. It was hell. I saw people looking for water and they died soon after they drank it. I saw many people go to the river in search of water and who died. The whole city was destroyed and burning. There was no place to go.



My army friend took up the seven skeletons one at a time... his five children, his wife, his mother... and each time stared at the sky.
"We soldiers were the ones who were supposed to die."

Activities: (Write on the back of this sheet)

1. What effects did the Atom bomb have on people's lives? (use bullet points)
2. Look at the cartoon (left) and write 3-5 sentences explaining its meaning.

Extension:

More people were killed in air raids than by the two atomic bombs but it was the atomic bomb that was condemned. Why do you think this is?