

Harry Truman vs. the UN Problem

It is the fall of 2013 and Harry Truman is to be tried for war crimes committed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki by dropping the atom bomb.

Prepare to provide legal representation for both sides. Base your case on primary sources. Your audience will take on the role of a 'tribunal' and you will act as witnesses and experts. Write a first person, historical account of the events and decisions that preceded Truman's decision. Present on October 16^h.

How did the people who developed the science feel about the use of the atomic bomb? (Einstein, Manhattan project)

Hiroshima, John Hershey
Final Storm, by Jeff Shaara
Unbroken, Laura Hillenbrand

TARGET CONCEPTS:

Language Arts

Persuasive speaking
Research
Prioritizing sources
Listening skills
Literature

Science

Nuclear chemistry
Gamma rays, alpha, beta particles
Half-life
Fusion
Fission
Atomic bomb
Radiation sickness
Ethics of Science
Historical perspectives

Social Studies

UN
War crimes
World War II
Manhattan Project
Nuclear scientists
Historical perspectives