The Postwar World: The Emerging Cold War

I. The Collapse of Nazi Germany and End of World War II

II. The Debate over Dropping the Atomic Bomb.

III. The Emerging Cold War
1945: End of WWII

- 1943-1945-Alliance of Great Britain, Soviet Union and U.S. destroy Nazi Germany.
- Major Battles- Stalingrad (1942-3) and D-Day (1944)
- G.B. and U.S. firebomb major cities such as Hamburg, Cologne, Dresden and Berlin.
- May 1945-Germany defeated and devastation in Europe.
Hamburg, Germany
Dresden after Firebombing
Dresden, 1945
The Birth of the Atomic Age

- **1944-1945:** U.S. military and civilian agencies working on top-secret “Manhattan Project.”
- Plans to develop new atomic energy into a bomb. Use it on Germany and Japan to end WWII.
- **July 1945:** Successful “Trinity” test at Los Alamos, New Mexico.
- **August 1945:** Drop two atomic bombs on Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
Trinity Test Site
Los Alamos, New Mexico
A-Bomb Tested in Trinity
Trinity Test Site
View from Bunker at Trinity Test
Remains of the 100 ft. Tower after Trinity Test
"I am become death, the shatterer of worlds."

Chief Engineer on the Atomic Bomb Project upon seeing the Trinity test results
Enola Gay-Bomber used at Hiroshima
Crew of Enola Gay
Hiroshima Aftermath
JAPAN SURRENDERS
Was the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan justified?
# The Debate over the Atomic Bomb

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<td>Japan’s military government would not surrender without the bombing.</td>
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<td>Hiroshima and Nagasaki to produced war material.</td>
<td>Bombing civilian targets crosses an ethical line.</td>
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<td>50,000-100,000 U.S. soldiers would die if they had to take Japanese islands.</td>
<td>U.S. military wanted to use the atomic bomb after spending 2 billion dollars developing it.</td>
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<td>Japan was willing to sacrifice its own citizens (Tokyo bombings).</td>
<td>Easier to kill Asian civilians than white European civilians (Racism).</td>
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<td>Ended a conflict that Japan started at Pearl Harbor.</td>
<td>Wanted to show the Soviet Union we had atomic weapons. (Cold War).</td>
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The Emerging Cold War World

- U.S. and the Soviet Union emerge from the war as dominant and competing superpowers.
- U.S. use of atomic bombs on Japan initiates atomic and then nuclear weapons race.
- Relative decline of European power and colonial empire.
The Cold War

A global ideological, political, economic, and cultural struggle for power between the capitalistic system (U.S) and the socialist/communist system (USSR) between 1945-1989.
U.S. Cold War Propaganda
Soviet Cold War Propaganda