

Paragraph I:

Hook - In 2016, President Barack Obama visited the Japanese city of Hiroshima and delivered these impactful words, "A flash of light and a wall of fire destroyed a city and demonstrated that mankind possessed the means to destroy itself."

Historical Context/Background (2-4 lines.)

World War II gave new meaning to devastation and human suffering. In the beginning, America chose not to involve themselves in foreign affairs. However, things changed after Japan bombed America's Naval base at Pearl Harbor. Technology was rapidly improving. As a result, weapons became more powerful than ever. The game changer was the atomic bomb. America used the bomb to force Japan to surrender. According to the article, "The United States remains the only country in the history of the world to drop the atomic bomb."

Thesis Statement:

The United States was justified for unleashing nuclear warfare on Japan because it 1. SAVED AMERICAN LIVES, 2. FORCED JAPAN TO SURRENDER, and 3. SENT A POWERFUL MESSAGE TO RUSSIA.

Paragraph II: 4-6 Lines on Saving American Lives - Please provide one detail from the text per body paragraph

- Boots on the Ground
- Japan fight to the death (Kamikaze Pilots)
- End the War Quickly

Paragraph III: 4-6 Lines on Japan's Surrender

- Dropping the bombs ended the war when nothing else would
- Miracle weapon/Magical solution
- Japan surrendered on America's terms (Hint - Look for the quote about the Japanese emperor)

Paragraph IV: 4-6 Lines on Sending a Message to Russia

- The bomb was dropped on Japan, but aimed at Russia.
- From ally (Friend) to Adversary (Rival)
- Emerging Superpowers
- Global Domination
- Russia influenced the decision

Paragraph V - Conclusion

Restate thesis using different words

- **One line on SAVING AMERICAN LIVES**
- **One line on JAPAN SURRENDER**
- **One line on SENDING A MESSAGE TO RUSSIA**