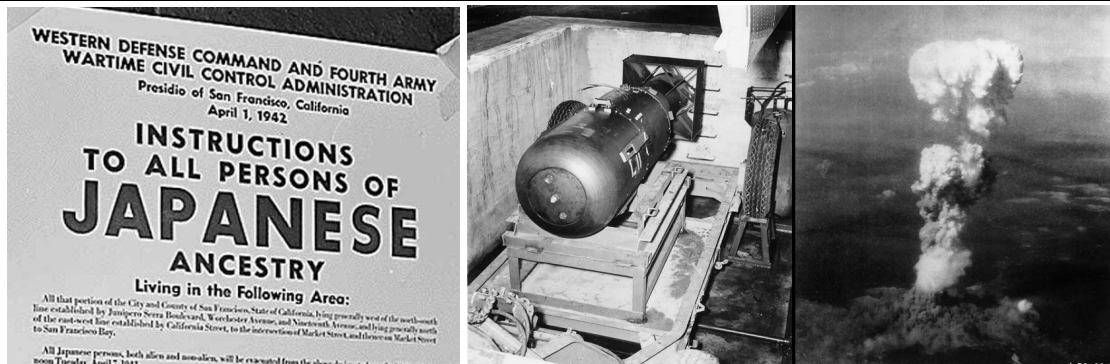


## World War II Issues Debates



Next week you will be debating two major WWII issues – the internment of Japanese-Americans during the war and the decision to drop the atomic bomb.

Each group has a packet of readings and resources to get started with your research. **Please read your assigned articles/documents.** This will get you started on background information and various key primary documents related to the issue. You should also supplement these sources with your own research. Remember, the best defense is a good offense. You should not only research your side of the debate; consider assigning some members of your team to research your opponents’ argument in order to better prepare yourself to counter their points.

**You will have 2 blocks in class to research and meet as a group. The remainder of your preparation should be done outside of class.** Before the debate, as a group, you should decide who will do what during the debate itself, as well as who will prepare which arguments for the debate. ALL group members must participate in the preparation AND the debate itself.

**The final grade will be broken down in the following manner:**

	Total Possible Points
Participation in the debate	40
Your notes (your notes should list evidence and details that back up your position on the topic – handed in after the debate.)	10
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>50</b>

### **Debate Schedule:**

**Internment** – Thursday, December 13th

**Atomic Bomb** – Friday, December 14th

### **The questions we will be debating are:**

- Did the U.S. government do the right thing when it evacuated Americans of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast during WWII? Why or why not?
- Was it necessary and justified for the United States to drop the atomic bombs on Japan? Why or why not?

**Debate teams and topics are listed below:**

Topic	
<b><u>Japanese-American Internment</u></b>	Jack, Blessed, Chloe, Alexis, Cristina
<b>Pro (correct decision at the time)</b>	
<b>Con (wrong decision at the time)</b>	Trevor, Lucas, Jameson, Brooke, Emma, Nick
<b><u>Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb</u></b>	Miller, Harry, Rebecca, Bella, Alyssa
<b>Pro (correct decision at the time)</b>	
<b>Con (wrong decision at the time)</b>	Sam, Miles, Riley, Kylie, Emma, Will

**The format for the debate will be as follows:**

1. The pro group will present their arguments, supported by facts, evidence and reasoning.
2. Then the opposing group will present their argument and rebuttal.
3. Open debate will ensue as time allows.
4. The pro group will make their closing statements.
5. The con group will make their closing statements.