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Nuclear Weapons Discussion Handout Key

Directions: In pairs or small groups, discuss and record answers for each question below.

Part 1:

1. When was the first nuclear weapon used by one country to attack another?
August 6, 1945 at 8:15 a.m.
2. Who used the first nuclear weapon to attack another country?
The U.S. used it in an attack against the Japanese
3. What type of weapon was used?
An atomic bomb called "Little Boy" was launched from a B-29 named "Enola Gay"
4. Where was this weapon used?
Hiroshima, Japan. On August 9, 1945 a similar weapon was used to bomb Nagasaki, Japan.
5. How did the use of this weapon affect the people and place where it exploded?
Everything within a mile of where the bomb hit was completely destroyed. In all, 39.2% of the buildings in Hiroshima were completely destroyed. 66,000 people were killed and 69,000 were injured. Injuries included burns, radiation sickness, and numerous other ill effects caused by exposure to radiation.
6. Why was the decision made to use this weapon?
The U.S. had been embroiled in WWII for nearly 4 years, and it was thought that this was a way to weaken the enemy and force surrender.

Directions: After reading/hearing the stories of 'A-Bomb Survivors', write a complete answer for each question below and be prepared to discuss your opinions with classmates.

1. Do you believe nuclear weapons should be regulated to prevent future use? Explain why.
2. How did you feel about the use of nuclear weapons after hearing/reading the "A-Bomb Survivors" stories?
3. What penalties, if any, do you believe countries should face if they attack others using nuclear weapons?