Science
How did the field of science play a role in the dropping of the atomic bomb? What were the effects of the atomic bomb on the scientific community in the United States? What were the effects of the atomic bomb on technological innovation? What were the effects of the atomic bomb on the environment? What were the effects of the atomic bomb on health, medicine, and physiology?

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**Government and Domestic Policy**
How did the dropping of the atomic bomb affect domestic policies and decisions made by the American government? How did the dropping of the atomic bomb relate to the start of the Cold War and the United States’ policy to contain communism? How did it relate to the United States’ rise as a global superpower? How did it relate to policies surrounding the limits of executive power?

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Military

How did the American military play a role in the dropping of the atomic bomb? How did the dropping of the atomic bomb affect the military? What later military events can be linked to the dropping of the atomic bomb? How did the dropping of the atomic bomb influence the military to
take action to contain communism? How did the dropping of the atomic bomb relate to the Marshall Plan? How did it relate to the Berlin Airlift? How did it influence Winston Churchill’s famous “Iron Curtain” speech?

**Primary**


**Secondary**


International Relations and Japanese and American Civilians

How did the dropping of the atomic bomb affect international relations and civilians both in the United States and Japan? How did it influence Eleanor Roosevelt and the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights? How did it influence the creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Warsaw Pact?

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