

The student will demonstrate knowledge of World War II by
b) describing the major battles and turning points of the war in North Africa, Europe, and the Pacific, including Midway, Stalingrad, the Normandy landing (D-Day), and Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb to force the surrender of Japan.

Faced with horrendous casualties if Japan was invaded.

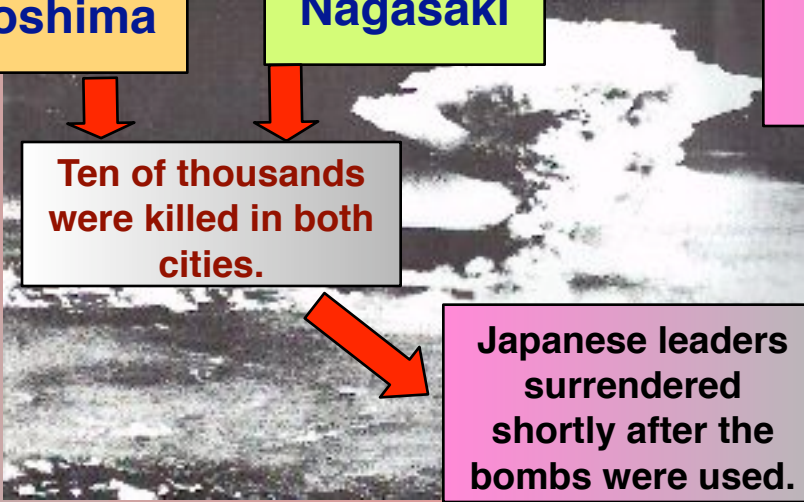
Atomic Bomb

President Truman ordered the use of the atomic bombs.

Hiroshima

Nagasaki

To force the Japanese to surrender.



Ten of thousands were killed in both cities.

Japanese leaders surrendered shortly after the bombs were used.

American forces did not have to invade Japan.

Wartime strategies reflect the political and military goals of alliances, resources on hand, and the geographical extent of the conflict.