**Argumentative Essay #3 Due: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Background:**

One of the most hotly debated events for historians of US History is the dropping of the Atomic Bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Your job is to take a look at this event and argue the justification of dropping the two bombs. This will serve as a basis on how you will inevitably view the nuclear arms race of the 1950s between the USA and the USSR.

**Question:** *Was dropping the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki justifiable?*

**Your Position:** *Your Choice*

**Getting Started:**

You will want to start by doing research on the subject. For your third argumentative essay, you will be doing your own research. You should look to find a variety of different resources: scholarly, news articles, secondary, and primary. In total you should base your essay on at least five sources.

**Thesis:**

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Your thesis should clearly state your view on the topic you are researching. For the first paper I am choosing your side of the argument. You will however have to write a clear and concise thesis that will appear in your introductory paragraph and again in your conclusion.

**Essay Structure:**

For this essay I am also going to give you a template you can use to write your argumentative essay. You can choose to structure your essay differently if you would like, however I am trying to make the first assignment more about giving you a taste for argumentative essay writing, not throwing you to the wolves and assuming you know what you are doing.

**Argument**

Your arguments should always be backed by evidence. Without the evidence, your paper is purely an opinion piece (which isn’t wrong, it is just not an argumentative essay). You will also want to include the other side of the argument in your paper. By giving the other side of the argument you are telling your reader that you have looked at the other side of the story and that you came to your position by weighing the pros and cons of each argument.

**Conclusion**

Your conclusion should rehash your thesis and summarize your main arguments to the reader. You should not add new arguments at this point, because this could confuse the reader. Again, this is the last chance for you to persuade the reader so don’t mess it up by finishing weakly!

**Rubric**

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