

Do Now: Written response to following prompt

- What do you see in image below? What do you think? What do you feel?



WWII & Atomic Bombs

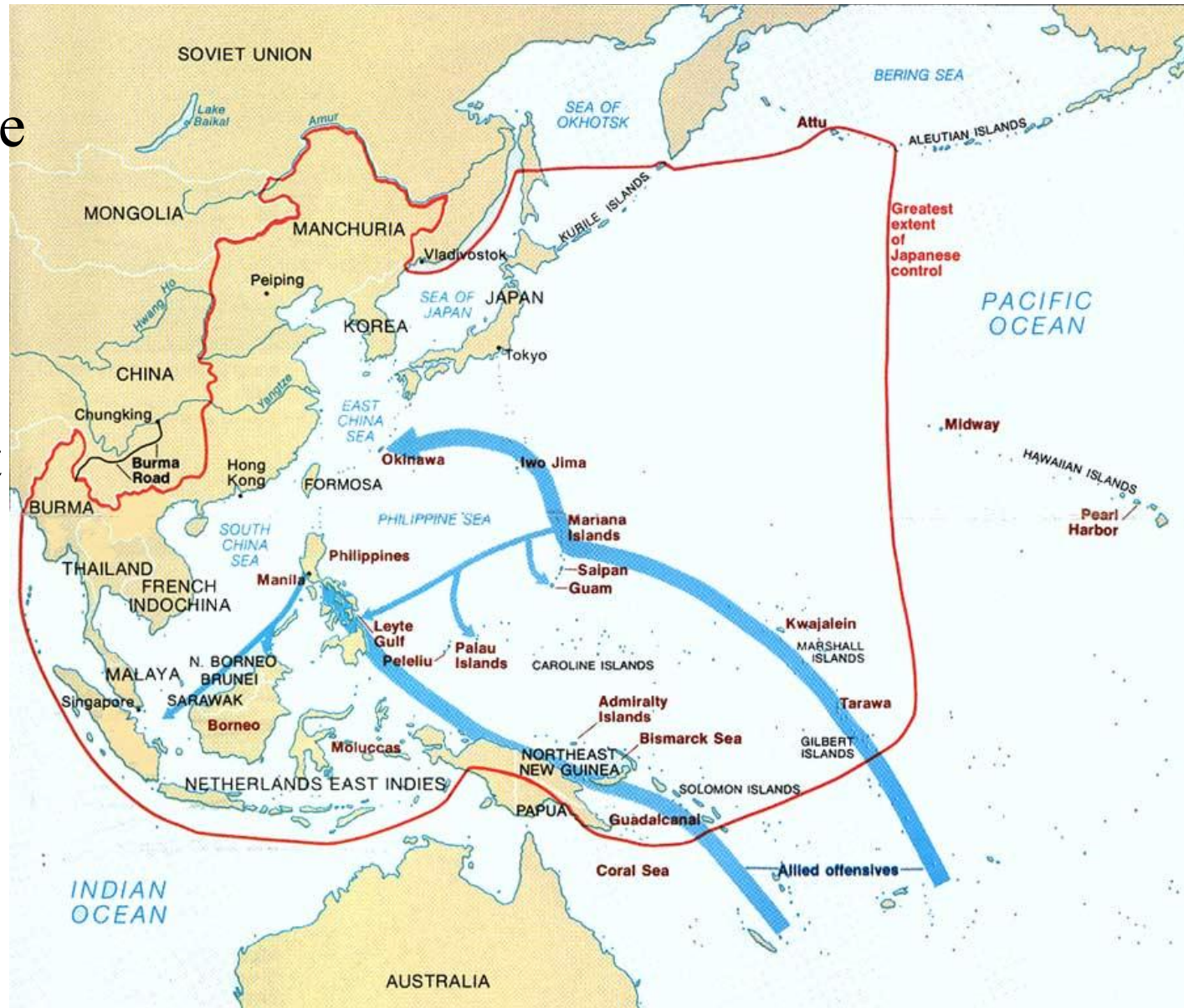
Late 1941-Early 1942: Fearing German development of an atomic weapon, the U.S. begins an atomic weapons development program

January 1943: Casablanca Conference—Allies demand “Unconditional Surrender” from Germany, Japan & Italy

May 1945: Germany surrenders ending war in Europe; war with Japan continues

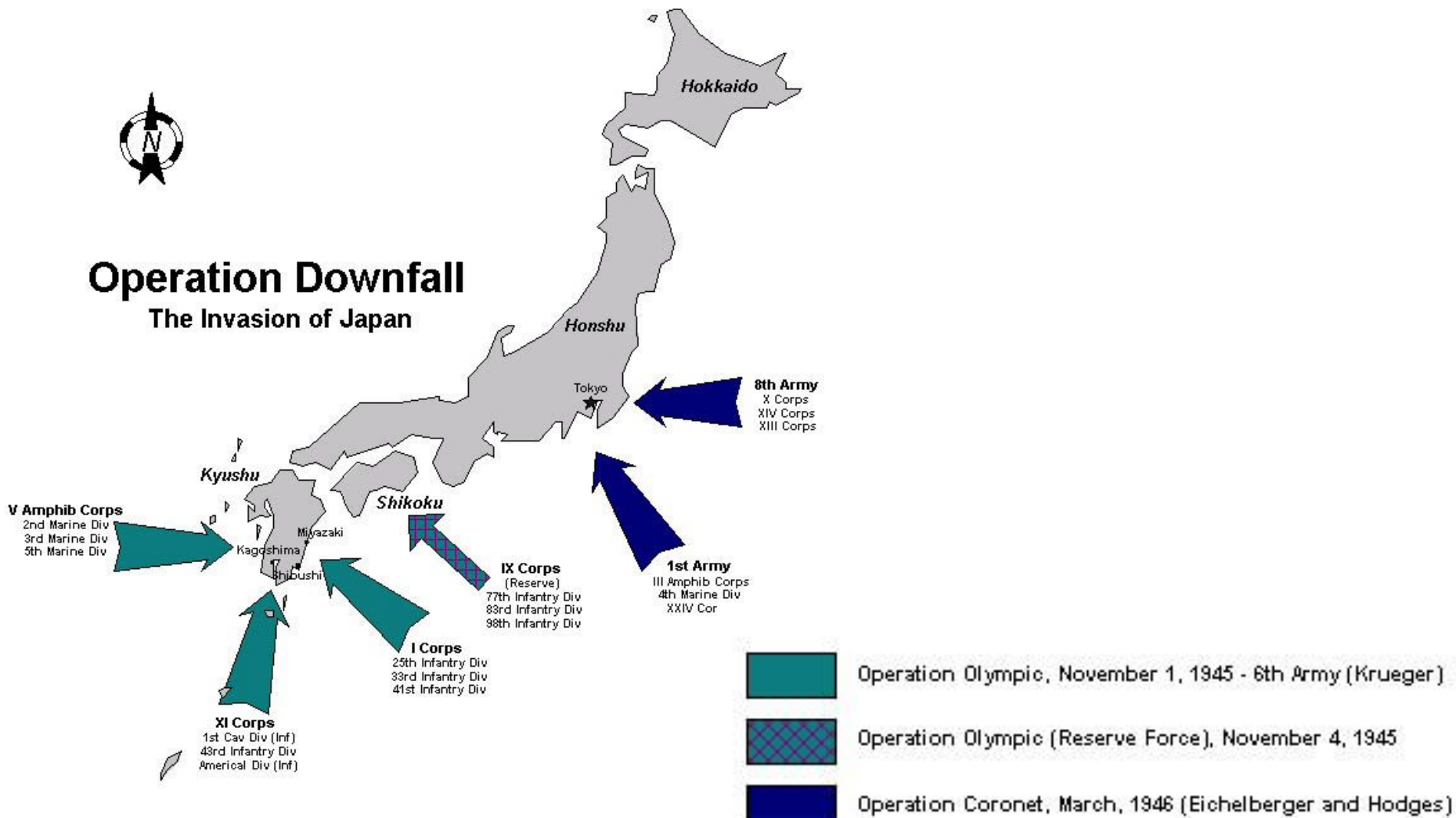
The War in the Pacific by June 1945

- Japanese conquests in the Pacific either reconquered or bypassed
- Japan still not surrendered
- Invasion of Japan looks necessary



Operation Downfall—The Plan to Invade Japan

- 1st invasion in Fall 1945
- 2nd invasion in Spring 1946



Operation Downfall—The Plan to Invade Japan

- Assumption: "That operations in this area will be opposed not only by the available organized military forces of the Empire, but also by a fanatically hostile population." (*Downfall--Strategic Plan for Operations*)
- Estimated Casualties: vary widely
 - 400,000-800,000 Americans Killed, 5-10 Million Japanese Killed (study done for Secretary of War)
 - 500,000 Purple Hearts manufactured in anticipation of the invasion



WWII & Atomic Bombs (cont.)

July 16, 1945: US successfully tests an atomic bomb in the desert in New Mexico

July 26, 1945: Potsdam Declaration—Allies demand that Japan unconditionally surrender or face “prompt and utter destruction”

August 6, 1945: US drops an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan

August 9, 1945: US drops an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan

August 15, 1945: Emperor Hirohito of Japan announces on the radio that Japan surrenders





Hiroshima (8/6/1945)



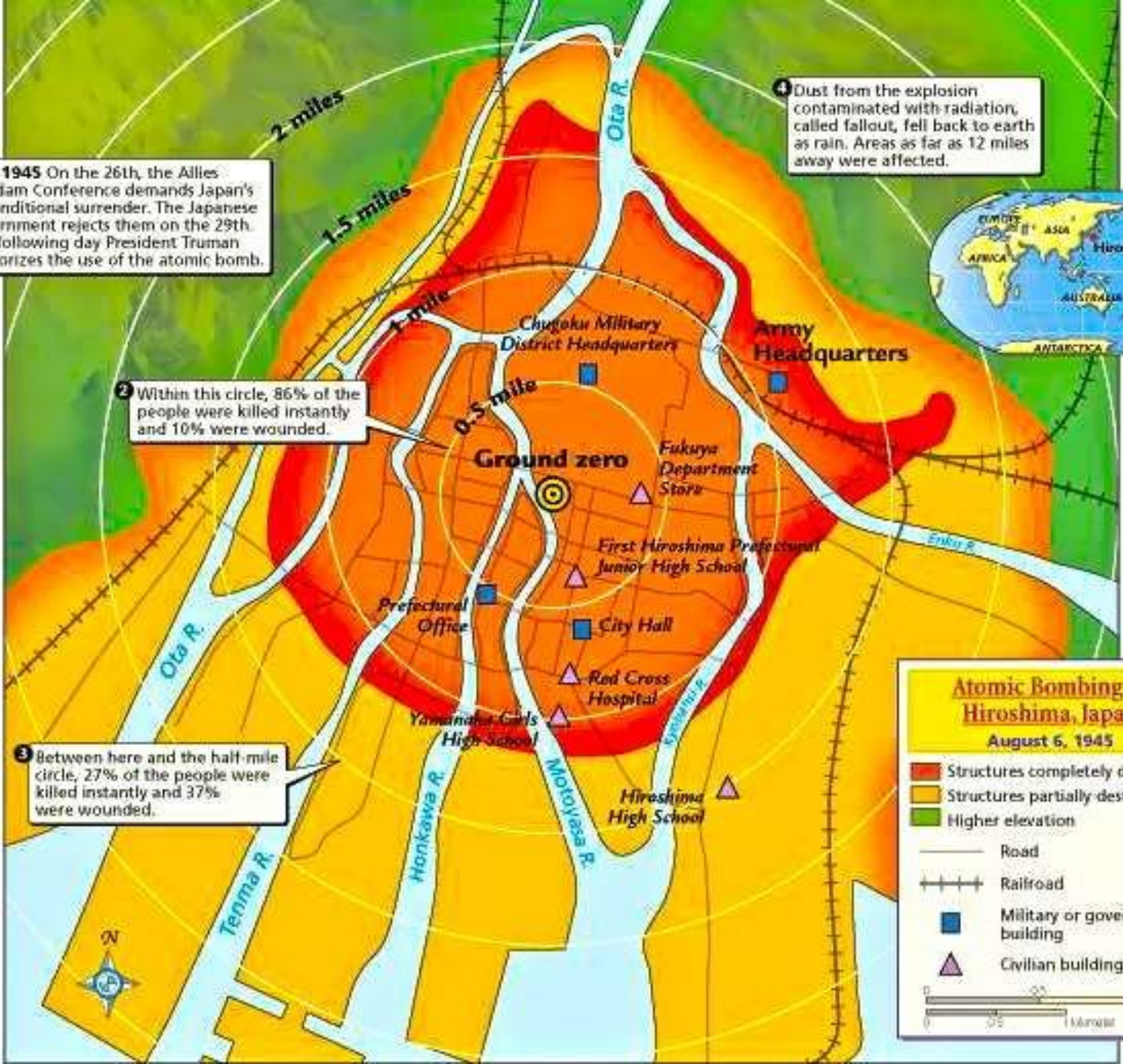
Nagasaki (8/9/1945)

1 July 1945 On the 26th, the Allies Potsdam Conference demands Japan's unconditional surrender. The Japanese government rejects them on the 29th. The following day President Truman authorizes the use of the atomic bomb.

2 Within this circle, 86% of the people were killed instantly and 10% were wounded.

3 Between here and the half-mile circle, 27% of the people were killed instantly and 37% were wounded.

4 Dust from the explosion contaminated with radiation, called fallout, fell back to earth as rain. Areas as far as 12 miles away were affected.



Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima, Japan

August 6, 1945

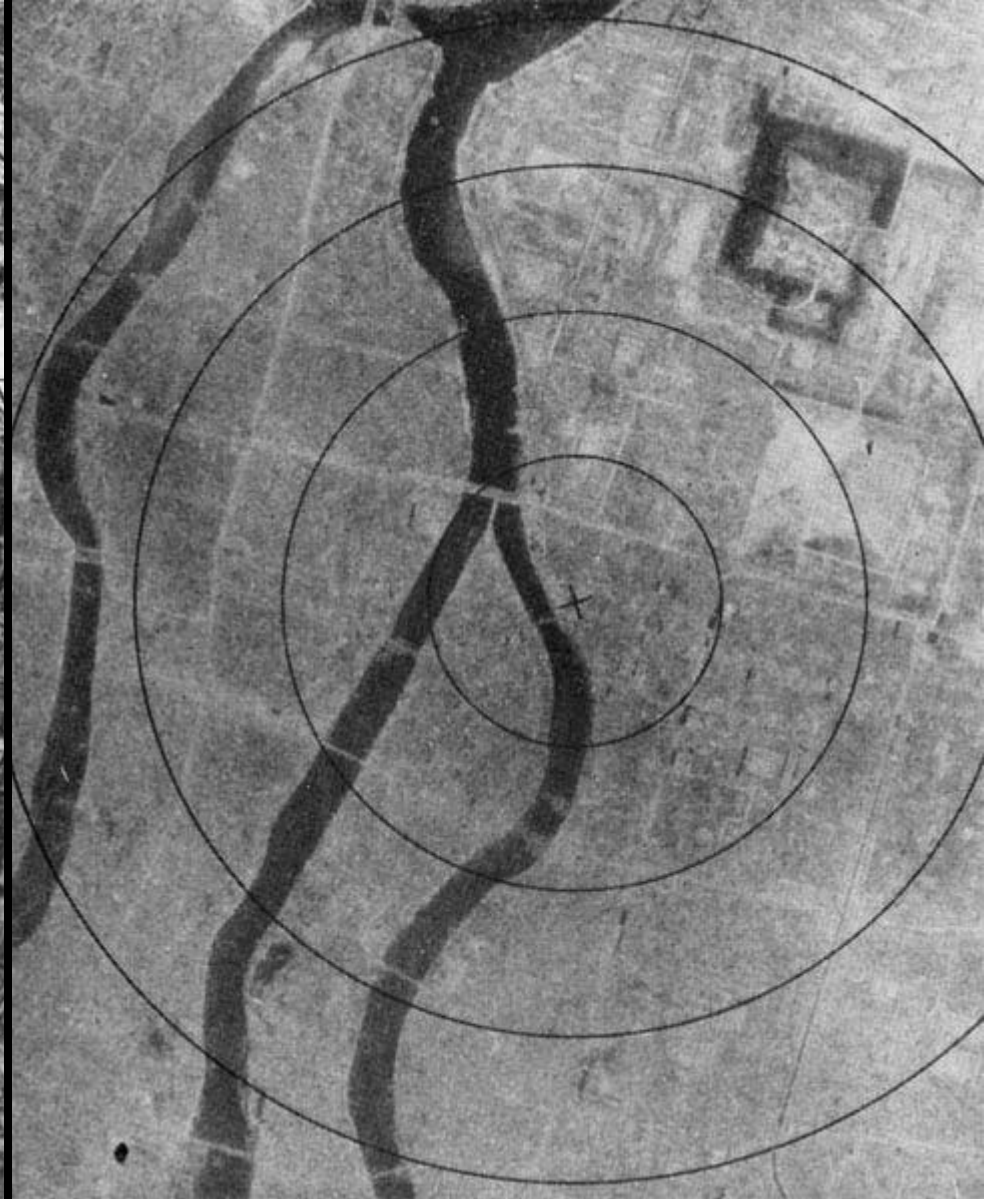
- Structures completely destroyed
- Structures partially destroyed
- Higher elevation
- Road
- Railroad
- Military or government building
- Civilian building

0 0.5 1 mile
0 0.5 1 kilometer



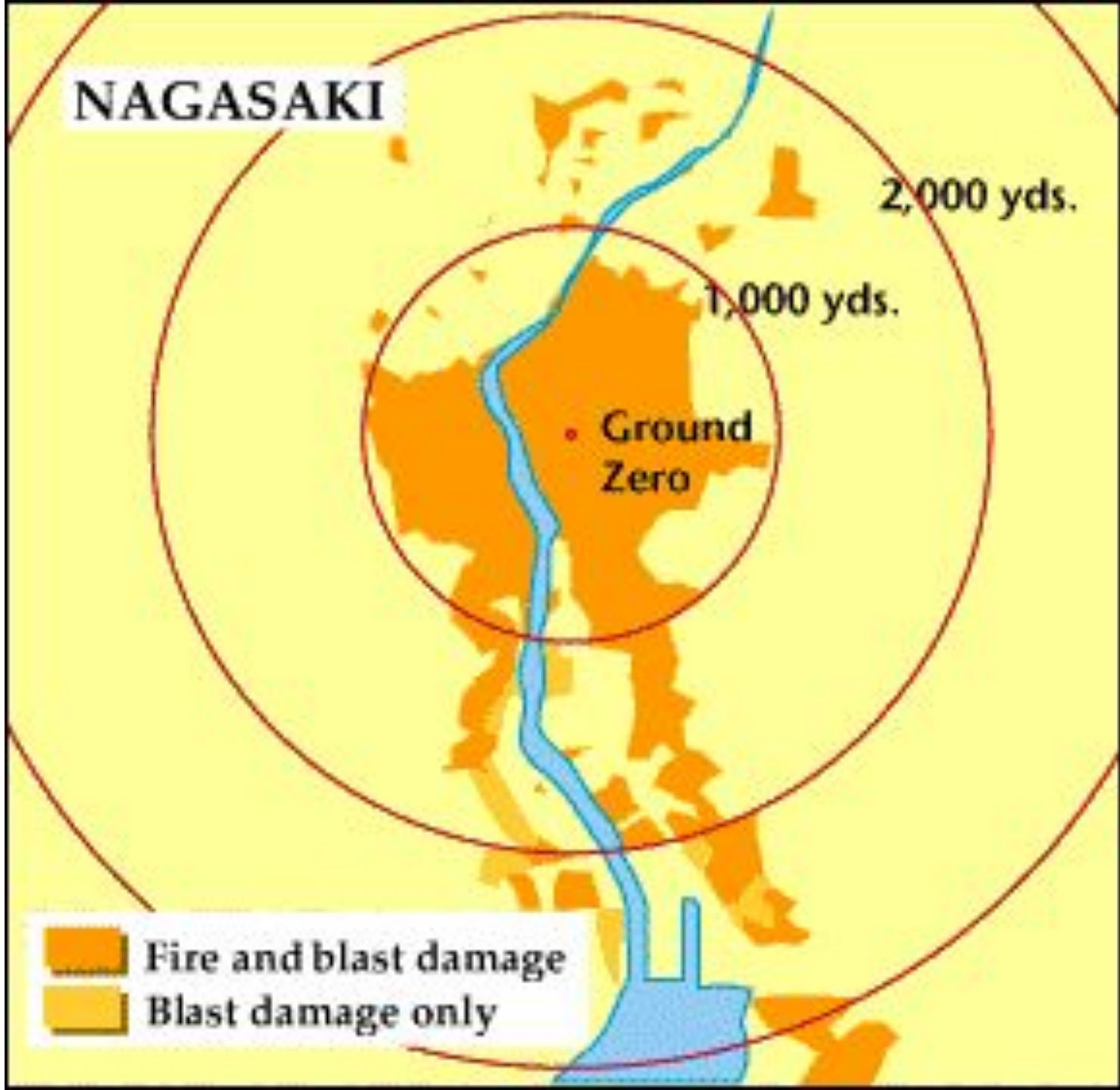
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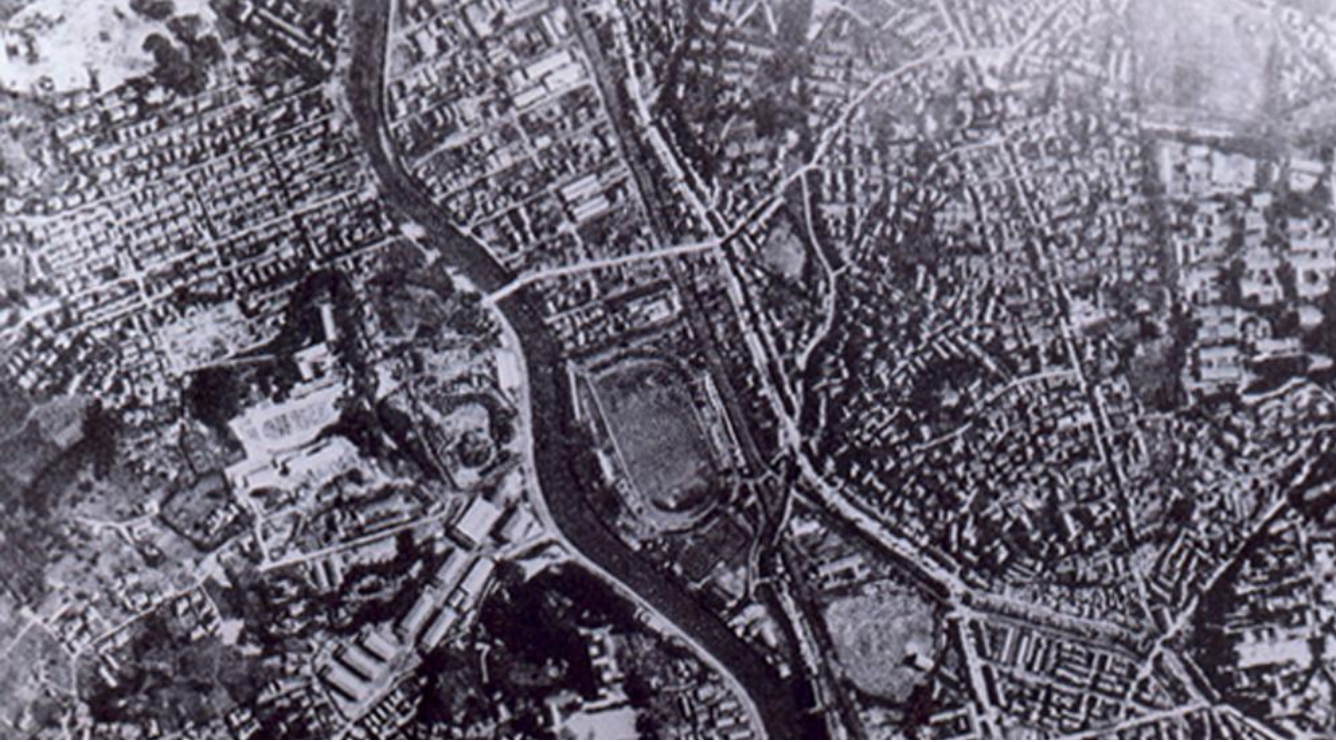
Hiroshima



After

NAGASAKI





Before

Nagasaki



After





Hiroshima & Nagasaki Bombings Info

*Radiation Effects Research Foundation (<http://www.rerf.or.jp/>)

- How Many Killed*:
 - Hiroshima: 90,000 – 166,000
 - Nagasaki: 60,000 -- 80,000
 - Total: 150,000 – 246,000
- Overwhelmingly Civilian Casualties





Agree-Disagree

The US gave Japan no warning before using the bombs. Therefore, their use was UNJUSTIFIED.

Agree-Disagree

Using the Atomic Bombs
on Japan saved American
lives. This JUSTIFIES
their use.

Agree-Disagree

Using the Atomic Bombs on Japan avoided an invasion that would have cost more lives, both American & Japanese.
Therefore, use of the bombs was
JUSTIFIED.

Agree-Disagree

Japan was trying to surrender but the US would not listen to any Japanese conditions. Therefore, US use of the bombs was **UNJUSTIFIED.**

Agree-Disagree

The US should have demonstrated the bomb's power on an uninhabited island but did not. Therefore, use of the bombs was **UNJUSTIFIED.**

Agree-Disagree

The United States was
JUSTIFIED in using the
atomic bombs on Japan.