

1  **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020****How did WWII end? What happened at the end of WWII?**

DO NOW: What event/events do you think led to the end of WWII?

2  **The Atomic Bomb**

1. Japan refused to surrender
  - a. Led to U.S. using the Atomic Bomb

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2. Albert Einstein warned FDR that the Germans were developing an atom bomb
3. In response, FDR developed the Manhattan Project
  - a. Scientists developed the A-bomb and tested it in New Mexico
  - b. Truman now had to decide if he wanted to use it

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4. Allies issued the Potsdam Declaration warning Japan that if it did not surrender it faced utter destruction
  - a. Japan did not surrender so Truman ordered the use of the A-bomb
5. On August 6, 1945, the A-bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and three days later another was dropped on Nagasaki

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6. As a result, the Japanese government surrendered on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1945 (V-J Day)
7. Subsequently, Nazi party leaders and Japanese leaders were put on trial in Nuremberg, Germany for war crimes and crimes against humanity

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8  **COST OF THE WAR**

1. 55,000,000 people died during the war; more than half were civilians
2. Soviet Union suffered more than 22,000,000 deaths
3. Those that survived had the huge task of rebuilding