**Was the use of the atomic bomb justified?**

**Directions:**  Highlight any information from the following texts to help you answer the essential question. Then, put this evidence in the T chart below and cite it in-text as (Background Info).

On August 6, 1945, a plane called the ***ENOLA GAY*** dropped an atomic bomb on the city of **HIROSHIMA**. Instantly, 70,000 Japanese citizens were vaporized. In the months and years that followed, an additional 100,000 perished from burns and radiation sickness. Exploding directly over a city of 320,000, the bomb vaporized over 70,000 people instantly and caused fires over two miles away. Two days later, the Soviet Union declared war on Japan. On August 9, a second atomic bomb was dropped on **NAGASAKI**, where 80,000 Japanese people perished.

On August 14, 1945, the Japanese surrendered.

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| **Yes** | **No** |
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| **Yes** | **No** |
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**Directions:** Answer the essential question: Was the use of the atomic bomb justified?

You must include at least two specific pieces of evidence to justify your claim and need to cite your evidence in-text.