

Harry Truman vs. the UN Problem

It is the fall of 2007 and Harry Truman is to be tried for war crimes committed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki by dropping the atom bomb.

Prepare to provide legal representation for both sides. Base your case on primary sources. Present your case on Thursday, October 11.

Hiroshima, John Hershey

How did the people who developed the science feel about the use of the atomic bomb? (Einstein, Manhattan project)

TARGET CONCEPTS:

Language Arts

Persuasive speaking
Research/Prioritizing sources
Listening skills
Literature

Science

Nuclear chemistry
Gamma rays, alpha, beta particles
Half-life
Fusion
Fission
Atomic bomb
Radiation sickness
Historical perspectives

Social Studies

UN
War crimes
World War II
Manhattan Project
Nuclear scientists
Historical perspectives

Truman Problem Standards 2007

Social Studies

Time, continuity and change (4)

- Past events impact on the present and future
- Analyze current events

Language Arts

Reading (1)

- Variety of sources
- Understanding of informational resources
- Primary sources

Writing (2)

- Persuasive writing
- Bibliography
- Writing w/ audience in mind
- Organization/focus

Speaking & Listening (3)

- Formal presentation
- Details to support ideas
- Group discussion
 - consider other's ideas before speaking
 - constructive criticism
 - lead,participate & moderate

Vocabulary

Atom
Sub-atomic
particle
Electron
Proton
Neutron
Atomic mass
Atomic number
Energy level

Science

Content (1)

- Nuclear reactions vs. chemical reaction
- Energy and matter
- Atomic structure of matter
- Periodic Table

Nature and history of Science (3)

- The historical misuse of scientific information to make personal . . . global decisions
- The role of science in solving personal, local, national and global problems