

United States History:  
Week 22: World War II and Post-War Foreign Policy

At the end of this document are the publisher's recommended readings for this week. These recommendations are based on the State History-Social Science Content Standards. You should have read *all* of Chapters 16 and 17 by the end of this week. In addition to reading from the class text, you should consult encyclopedias, almanacs and other reference materials, reputable web sites, appropriate periodicals, films, and your local libraries. See the assignment sheets from the last three weeks for recommended web sites, books, and films.

Essay topics for this unit are:

- Was the United States justified in dropping the atomic bomb?  
or
- Was the United States justified in relocating Japanese and Japanese Americans (and others) from the west coast?  
or
- In what ways did the war have an impact on the civilian population of the United States?  
or
- What new technologies were used in the war and what was their impact?

Write on only *one* topic. Parents are welcome to suggest alternate essay topics. Please remember that whatever topic you choose, this is a history paper, and you must present factual, historical evidence to support your point of view.  
**The take-home essay is due on February 7, 2012.**

Standard 11.7: Students analyze America's participation in World War II.

11.7.7  Discuss the decision to drop atomic bombs and the consequences of the decision (Hiroshima and Nagasaki).	  Pages: 583-585, 587.
11.7.8  Analyze the effect of massive aid given to Western Europe under the Marshall Plan to rebuild itself after the war and the importance of a rebuilt Europe to the U.S. economy.	  Page 606.