**Socratic Seminar: Were the Nuclear Bombs Necessary?**

Topics for conversation:

1. Was Japan on the verge of surrendering?
2. Should a demonstration of the bomb have been made?
3. Would it have been better to use conventional bombing and an invasion of Japan?
4. Was the decision to use the bombs a result of the American desire to stop Soviet advances in Asia? If so, does this add to the idea that the bomb necessary or unnecessary?

And of course, ultimately:

1. Were the nuclear bombs necessary at the end of World War II?

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| **DO** | **DON’T** |
| -Contribute to conversation at least two (2) times with meaningful questions or comments. - Use evidence to support your points. - Reference sources in question and/or comment.- Invite other students to contribute to the conversation. -Pose open-ended, evaluative-level questions that initiate substantive conversation. -Actively listen to all other students (body language, eye contact, taking notes) -Build on previous comments.-Leave space for other students to speak. -Respect all members of the class. | -Stay quiet. -Be argumentative or disruptive. -Monopolize the conversation. -Speak without the use of evidence from sources. -Only promote your own ideas. -Ask only yes/no questions members of the class. |