**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. |