WAR IN THE PACIFIC
- After Germany was defeated in Europe, the allies focused their efforts on the war with Japan.
- Over 80,000 Canadian soldiers volunteered to fight against Japan after Germany surrendered in May 1945
- The war ended abruptly in August 1945 when Japan surrendered. Almost all of the allies that were supposed to fight in the Pacific did not see any action there.
- Japan surrendered after the US dropped a pair of Nuclear bombs on the country
- U.S. scientists developed the new atomic bomb under the codename “The Manhattan Project”
- US President Truman knew that the bomb would cause huge amounts of Japanese civilian casualties, but felt that it would force Japan to quickly end the war. He thought that it would actually save lives in the long run because many more would die if an invasion of Japan took place.
- The first atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. The second was dropped on Nagasaki three days later.
- Over 100,000 people died immediately and at least the same number died afterwards of radiation poisoning.
- Japan finally surrendered on 2 September 1945. World War II was officially over.
- Canadian uranium was used in the construction of the bombs and Canadian scientists were involved in their development. Canadians were completely unaware of any of this.

ACTIVITY:
Watch the BBC documentary “Hiroshima” and complete the table below (you may use additional research as well). When the table is complete, answer the question on the back in a well-developed essay.

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QUESTION: Was the use of atomic bombs necessary in defeating Japan in World War II?