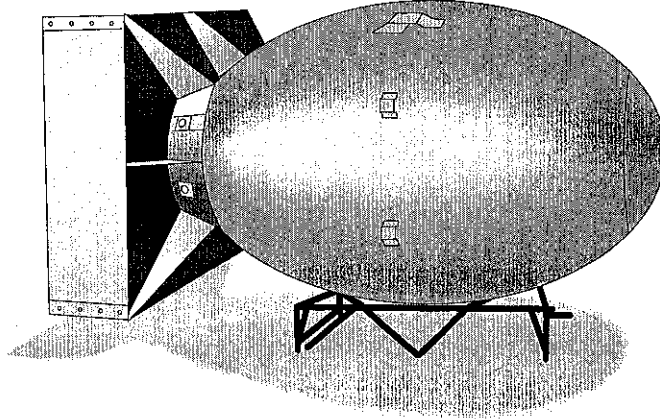


THE ATOM BOMB

On August 6th, 1945 the world's first atom bomb was dropped on the Japanese City of Hiroshima. The Atom bomb was dropped by an American B-29 bomber.

The bomb dropped on Nagasaki on August 9th 1945 was called Fat Man. It was an implosion-type fission bomb that used plutonium.



The atom bomb was described by a Japanese journalist as a glaring pink light in the sky that burned peoples' eyes out. Anyone within a mile of the explosion from the atom bomb became a bundle of smoking black charcoal within seconds.

About 90,000-140,000 people were killed. Those who were still alive writhed in agony from their burns. The atom bomb obliterated more than 4 sq miles and there was very heavy damage outside that area.

Three days later the USA dropped another atom bomb on Nagasaki. About 60,000-80,000 people were killed by this atom bomb.

On August 14 Japan surrendered and World War II was finally over.

QUESTIONS

1. When was the first bomb dropped?
2. Which city was it dropped on?
3. What was the nickname given to the bomb?
4. How did a Japanese journalist describe the bomb?
5. What happened to anyone living within a mile of the explosion?
6. How many people were killed immediately?
7. What do you think the word "obliterated" means?
8. Which city was the second to suffer?
9. When did this happen?
10. Why do you think Japan surrendered?