

EXHIBIT 8.6. Critical Thinking Dialogue “Hiroshima”

Student One: Did you know that 160,000 people were killed in the atomic bombings in Japan, and most of them were civilians?

Student Two: I didn't know that until we learned it in class. It is sad and terrible!

Student One: The United States said it had to bomb those cities to end the war. The government said if they did not drop the bombs, American troops would have had to invade Japan.

Student Two: A lot of people would have died if that had happened.

Student One: Some said that the United States could have dropped the bomb on an island where people didn't live. They thought that might have scared Japan into surrendering instead of killing 160,000 people. What do you think?

Student Two: I think the United States _____ because _____.
_____. What do you think, _____?

Student Three: I think the United States _____ because _____.
_____. What do you think, _____?

Student One: I think the United States _____ because _____.

Student Two: Mr. Ferlazzo is old and bald, but he does sometimes teach us important things.

Student One and Three Together: You are right - he is old and bald!