

War in Asia – The Atomic Bomb
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Newspaper Annotations: War in Asia/Atomic Bomb

1) Author Unknown, “Atomic Blast Principle Described” *Globe and Mail* 20 August 1945

This article is a primary source. It describes the process used to create atomic bombs. It details how the neutrons bounce off of each other in order to create the cataclysmic explosions. It goes on to tell how the mass of the neutrons isn't known, and how theoretically is between 2 to 200 pounds. However, it also says that it could be a long time before a large atomic bomb is built; there is an upper critical size where the mass is so big that it can't be brought together as a bomb.

The source was intended for the general public, to help them understand the sheer force behind the bomb.

The source did a proper job of giving factual information describing one of the most powerful forces known to man at the time.

2) Author Unknown, “Asia in Turmoil” *Globe and Mail* 22 December 1948

This article is a primary source. It is reminiscent of the yellow journalism that took place during the 1800s. It details the effects of the war in Asia, including how Britain's exit from India had a powerful effect on the continent. The article calls for the independence of China, specifically, from communism. It claims that the goal of the Western Policy should be to keep their friendship, to make a pillar of world peace and prosperity out of China.

The source seems to be biased against the Japanese, calling for America to free the countries under the influence of communism. It seems to be intended for the general public.

The source wasn't extremely useful, except for giving a small view of the minds of some people during the war.

3) Hugh Byas, “Japan stakes her all on treaty with Axis” *New York Times*, 6 October 1940

This article is a primary source. It says that Japan's success is linked directly to Hitler winning; in fact, because her economy is so linked to the US's and Britain, if Hitler doesn't win the effects could be disastrous for the small Asian island.

The source is written for the viewers to understand some of the strategies involved during war time.

The source was useful, as it succeeded in showing the amount of thought put into fighting, both on the battlefield and in the factory.

4) Hanson W. Baldwin, “Blows to crush Japan are now foreshadowed” *New York Times*, 20 May, 1945

This source is a primary source. It tells of how Japan has set up their army bases, and are preparing to attack. However, the other countries are preparing for this and are planning out their strategies to crush Japan before she can attack.

The source again is biased against the Japanese; it views them as evil, finding it imperative to use violence to stop them.

It was a useful source, describing in detail where Japan's bases were set up and possible things they could do.

5) Author Unknown, "Sloop Rescued Hundreds from doomed 'Asia'", *Globe and Mail*, 5 May 1945

This source is a primary source. The Canadian Pacific Liner "The Empress of Asia" was sunk by Japanese bombers when she was attacked en route to Singapore. Only 1 death was reported, and the Japanese government soon afterward issued an apology. While the ship burned, the sloop Yarra saved the boat's occupants by the hundreds.

The source tells a fairly unbiased accounting of an uncalled for bombing of a passenger ship. It was written for it's readers to understand about one of the more uncalled for atrocities of the war.

The source was useful as it was well-written and unbiased.

Movies, Music, and Websites

***Hong Kong 1941*, Leung Po-Chi, John Sham Kin-Fun, Chan Koon Chung, Fictional DVD, 1984, Secondary Source:**

This movie is about a Chinese city before, during, and after the Japanese take over. In the movie the Chinese are treated very poorly and are tortured. This movie would be useful to people who need to understand the hardships Chinese faced in WWII.

***Run Silent Run Deep*, Robert Wise, Harold Hecht, John Gay, Fictional DVD, MGM Studios, 1958, Secondary Source:**

This movie is about a U.S. Submarine attempting to destroy a Japanese Warship. The movie shows the technology used in the times and also shows Japanese involvement in the war. This would be helpful to people who want to understand how a submarine worked in the pacific portion of WWII.

"A-Bomb WWW Museum", Informational Website, Online, A-Bomb WWW Project, <http://www.csi.ad.jp/ABOMB/>, Primary Source:

This website has specific quotes and information regarding the two atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima. It is very helpful in our work because it shows how the atom bombs managed to wipe out the amount of the population they did.

"Atom Bomb", Informational Website, Online, Spartacus Schoolnet, <http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/2WWatom.htm>, Secondary Source:

This website provides a factual history of the first atom bombs, including bombs dropped on Hiroshima. It is a good source of information and helps us understand the work put into building the bomb.

**“World War II, Asia –Pacific”, Catalog of maps, Online, USMA,
<http://www.dean.usma.edu/history/web03/atlas/ww2%20pacific/ww2%20pacific%20war%20index.htm>, Secondary Source:**

This website shows the plans for every major invasion by or on Japanese troops. It is a massive database of maps covering the war starting with America’s involvement in the Pacific. The information is very useful for someone who needs to know all the major battles in the pacific portion of WWII.

Magazine Articles

“Landing Craft for Invasion”, The National Geographic, July,1944, Volume LXXXVI Number One, Pages 1-6, Primary Source

This article is about the young men coming to the fareast and getting ready for war. It also explains how it was to come in the ports and how the ships work and the use of there names. It was for people to see what and how things were going for their soldiers. It shows how war is for people that have no idea how terrible it is.

“Heroes of Wartime Science and Mercy”, The National Geographic, December, 1943 Volume LXXXIV, Number Six, Pages 729-731, Primary Source

This article talks about how important the supplies are to success in the war. If it wasn’t for the people bringing in supplies then we wouldn’t have a chance in the war. These people walked miles to bring soldiers ammuniton, rations, and safe drinking water. The article shows how important the supplies were to winning the war and how they couldn’t do without them.

“Winning the War of Supply”, The National Geographic, December, 1945, Volume LXXXVIII, Number Six, Pages 705, Primary Source

This just talks about how important the supplies were to the war, and if they were not to get to our troops then we would have gone down hill from there. Everyone thinks that the soldiers are the ones that win wars but it goes a lot more then that. They are many people that you never see that make sure everything runs smoothly.

“Battle Of The West Goes On In The Snow”, Life Magazine, January 29, 1945,

Pages 69-71, Primary Source

The winters in Russia are very very cold. While Germany was invading Russia it became very cold and a lot of soldiers ended up dead because they froze to death. This was just a brief article on the cold during the war.

“Super-Forts Bomb Tokyo”, The Stars and Stripes”, Friday, June 16, 1944 Vol. 1

No, 164, Primary Source

This is about the new bomber that came out and how it is one of the best things that we could have on our side right now. This thing can make a city flat within minutes after unloading all its ammunition.