

The Premise Behind the Argument: The US Decision to Drop the Atomic Bomb

Sometimes a premise is spelled out in an argument, other times it is inferred but not stated directly. Read **Document K** and **Document O** from the sources on the atomic bomb. Read both sources carefully and see if you can identify which premise or argument goes with which source. Also, indicate in each box whether the premise is **stated** or **inferred** by each author. If is stated, quote the beginning of the sentence, if it is inferred just write *Inferred*.

Source Document K: President Truman on his decision

Source Document O: Oakridge Petition

Premise

Source K

Source O

The Japanese would not surrender without an atomic bomb being dropped on Japan.		
The Japanese would possibly surrender if they were shown a demonstration of the bomb's power.		
The bomb should be used as soon as possible to end the war and to save American lives.		
A demonstration of the atomic bomb's power might prevent future wars.		

Read carefully two additional sources that **Argue for Using the Atomic Bomb** and identify the source, the premise, including whether it is stated or inferred.

Source	Premise or Argument	Stated or Implied

Read carefully two additional sources that **Argue Against Using the Atomic Bomb** and identify the source, the premise, including whether it is stated or inferred.

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