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## Hiroshima Reflections Answer Key

Sample Student Response (varies by perspective):

- *Justified/Necessary view:* The bomb was necessary to end the war quickly, as the passage explains that an invasion could have caused even more casualties. Ending the war fast saved lives on both sides and forced Japan's surrender.
- *Unjustified/Unfair view:* The bomb caused massive civilian suffering, and critics in the passage noted that Japan was already near defeat. Using such destructive force on a city full of civilians was not fair or morally acceptable.

Teacher Note:

- Accept different answers as long as students support their reasoning with evidence from the passage.
- Encourage students to practice balancing **facts from the text** with their **own judgments**.
- This builds both critical thinking and historical empathy, as students must evaluate decisions from multiple perspectives.