**Text 1**

**World War I**

 The Great War, or the War to End All Wars, was a global war originating in Europe that lasted from 28 July 1914 to 11 November 1918. Over nine million combatants and seven million civilians died as a result of the war (including the victims of a number of genocides). It was one of the deadliest conflicts in history, and paved the way for major political changes, including revolutions in many of the nations involved. The war broke out between the Central Powers—mainly Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey—against the Allies—mainly France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, Japan, and, from 1917, the United States. It ended with the defeat of the Central Powers. By the end of the war or soon after, national borders were redrawn.

**Text 2**

On August 6, 1945, during World War II, an American B-29 bomber dropped the world’s first atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima. The explosion wiped out 90 percent of the city and immediately killed 80,000 people; tens of thousands more would later die of radiation exposure. Three days later, a second B-29 dropped another A-bomb on Nagasaki, killing an estimated 40,000 people.

Reasons for the bombing:

Many reasons are given as to why the US administration decided to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Reasons include the following:

• The United States wanted to force Japan's surrender as quickly as possible to minimize American casualties.

• The United States needed to use the atomic bomb before the Soviet Union entered the war against Japan to establish US dominance afterwards.

• The United States wanted to use the world's first atomic bomb for an actual attack and observe its effect.