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**Socratic Seminar Questions**

1. Which do you consider more important, national security or civil liberties? Why?
2. Do you think that the United States government’s actions towards Japanese Americans can be justified? Why or why not?
3. What is the reasonable balance between a country’s need for security in times of political crisis/ war and civil liberties of its citizens?
4. Do you think Japanese internment camps should have been ruled unconstitutional? Support you claim.
5. Should America have dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki? Justify your answer.
6. Do you think the Allies would have been able to defeat Japan if they hadn’t used atomic bombs? Support your answer.
7. Throughout the war, Americans had been told that they were fighting “evil.” Do you think that this concept influenced the decision to use the bomb?
8. How did the inventors of the atomic bomb react after it was tested in Los Alamos? Do you think they felt regret for developing such a powerful weapon?
9. Do you think the atomic bomb will be used in the future, or do you think the world has learned its lesson from World War II?
10. Why is it important for survivors of the atomic bomb, such as Akihiro Takahashi, to talk about their experiences?