

Excerpt from Hiroshima by Laurence Yep

Before you read this story use **the text preview strategy of THIEVES.**

Title: Do you remember what happened at Hiroshima from your World Studies course last year?

Headings: List the headings from this selection beginning with:

1. The Bomb
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Introduction: Read the **Key to the Novel Excerpt**

What is historical fiction?

When does the story take place?

What is the story about?

Every First Sentence: You don't need to read every first sentence of every paragraph, but go ahead and read every first sentence that comes after the headings you listed above. This will help you understand the structure of the story.

Visuals and Vocabulary:

Look at the maps in the story. Where does the story take place?

Look at the photographs in the story. Make a prediction about the story based on the photos.

List the five vocabulary words in the Vocab Preview, beginning with:

1. *routine*

2.

3.

4.

5.

End of Chapter Questions: Each section in this reading has a **Think it Through Question**. In addition, there are three at the end of the story. List the seven questions on the blank page, beginning with: Why does the United States plan to drop the atom bomb? Then answer the questions as you read the story. This will serve as your reading guide.

Summary: At the end of the story we will write a summary. Remember the rules of good summary writing.

1. Identify the main and idea and write it first.
2. Mention the title and author at the beginning of your summary.
3. Identify only the most important points, leave out unnecessary details,
4. Use your own words, except for the key words related to the topic.
5. Present the ideas in the order in which they appear in the article.
6. Use key expressions in your summary such as the author examines, explores, argues, explains etc.

As you read:

Answer the questions at the end of each section. Write the **Think it Through Questions**, and then answer them as you read the story.

1. *Why does the United States plan to drop the atom bomb?*

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.