

CLASSWORK: August 6, 2010 (the 65th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima) was the first time an American ambassador attended the Peace Memorial Ceremony in Hiroshima. In the video you will watch, Jacob Hornberger argues that the U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were war crimes, that the U.S. should admit it, and that the U.S. president should visit to apologize and address the issue at the highest level. Columnist Brent Budowsky argues that the U.S. felt the bombing was a necessity to bring an end to the war and prevent a full scale invasion of Japan. You will listen to both sides of the debate, take notes, evaluate the arguments and state which side you agree with. **Update: In 2016, Barack Obama became the first sitting president to visit Peace Memorial Park.**

1. What are Hornberger’s main arguments? Take notes as you watch the interview.

Stop & Share: What were Hornberger’s main arguments? Share your notes with a partner.

2. What do you think is Hornberger’s strongest argument? Write your answer in complete sentences.

3. What are Budowsky’s main arguments? Take notes as you watch the interview.

Stop & Share: What were Budowsky’s main arguments? Share your notes with a partner.

4. What do you think is Budowsky’s strongest argument? Write your answer in complete sentences.
