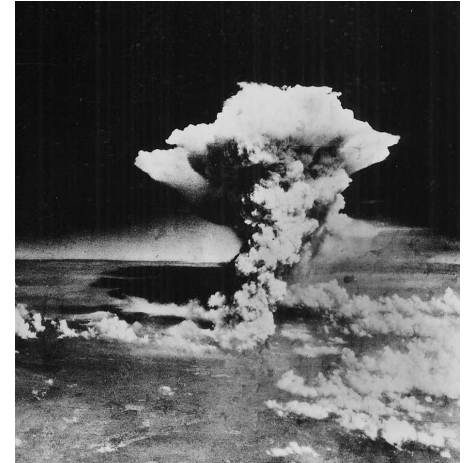


“THIS HOUSE BELIEVES THAT THE UK SHOULD GET RID OF ITS NUCLEAR DETERRENT”

- ▶ Why do countries have weapons?
- ▶ Are some weapons too bad to ever use?
- ▶ Does having a big military and lots of weapons make other countries think twice before attacking us?
- ▶ Should the military prioritise protecting its citizens, even if that means killing people from other countries?
- ▶ What are some other types of weapons?
- ▶ If the UK has nuclear weapons, does that mean that every other country should be allowed to have them too?
- ▶ If the UK has nuclear weapons is it more likely they could fall into the hands of terrorists?

WHAT KIND OF WARS DO WE FIGHT NOW?



On August 6, 1945 the USA dropped bomb on Hiroshima in Japan. Three days later they also bombed the city of Nagasaki.

An estimated 140,000 people died in the immediate months after the bomb, with countless more living with serious health problems and developing cancers in the years and decades after.

KEY FACTS

The UK has 4 Trident submarines. At any one time there is 1 armed and at sea, 1 undergoing maintenance and 2 in port or training manouevres.

Each submarine has a crew of 135, with 16 missiles and 48 warheads

in 2014 The Independent Trident Commission estimated renewing Trident would cost £100 billion

China, France, Russia, the USA, India, Pakistan and North Korea also all have nuclear weapons

In 2016, Barack Obama brokered a deal with Iran. They agreed to stop developing a nuclear weapons programme, in exchange for sanctions against Iran country being lifted

A WEAPON WE DON'T USE?

The UK's nuclear weapons are known as a 'nuclear deterrent'. This is because some people claim that while we have nuclear weapons, we would never use them.

They are too destructive and dangerous. However, because we have them - and could use them - this means that other countries with nuclear weapons would never use their nuclear weapons against us. This is why they are known as a deterrent