



“I sleep clearly every night.”

**--Admiral Paul Tibbets
Commander of the Enola
Gay, the plane that dropped
the bomb**

The Hiroshima bomb itself killed 70,000 people instantly and another 70,000-80,000 over a longer period of time due to the cancer and radiation sickness caused by the radioactive fallout. 80% of the buildings in the city were completely destroyed by the intense shockwave and million degree heat at ground zero. Rivers and pools boiled and anyone jumping into them to escape the fireball also met their end. So much dirt and debris was kicked up that when it started to rain later in the day, the precipitation falling from the sky was black and radioactive.

1. Describe what you see in the photo.
2. What is the name of the pilot who flew the plane that dropped the bomb?
3. He famously said, “I sleep clearly every night”. Why do you think he felt this way?
4. How many people died instantly at Hiroshima? How many were killed over a long period of time?
5. What are at least 3 ways the atomic bomb destroys and kills?
6. Video: How long did it take the bomb to fall to earth after being released from the plane?
7. Video: What happened to anyone who was caught in the open air when the bomb hit?
8. Video: Describe the shockwave that hit shortly after the blast.
9. Video: What problems did the survivors face?