**World History Department**

**Guided Reading Questions**

**“My God, how many did we just kill?” The day Hiroshima was obliterated**

1. What are your thoughts about the title of this reading before you even read the article?

2. Who was the plane that bombed Hiroshima named after and what was that name?

3. What are some typical names for other B-29 planes?

4. What did Paul Tibbets Dad say about him joining the military?

5. What happened to most of the 8,000 children in the center of Hiroshima?

6. Why did Tibbets tell his crew that the mission was a bit special today?

7. What was the Little Boy? Give a full description.

8. What was needed to drop the bomb?

9. Why was the city of Hiroshima chosen as a blast site?

10. What does the crew have to do to prepare to drop the atomic bomb?

11. Explain what happens between 8:10 am and 8:16 am.

12. What does Paul Tibbets have to do to avoid the blast killing him and his crew?

13. What is Tail Gunner Bob Caron’s job?

14. What haunts Eiko Taoko?

15. Explain the story of Dr. Hachiya?

16. What happened to Akihiro Takahashi? Explain his whole story.

17. What are some of the horrible stories of people that were explained in the 10 am section of the article?

18. How long before the Enola Gay returned home? What was waiting for free for the men who flew the plane?

19. Where was the crew of the Enola Gay taken and what was the result? Why were they taken there?

20. Explain the differing experiences between the hours off 9 pm, 10 pm, and 11:55 am.

21. Ultimately, what is your final take on this story?