

HIS 100 Theme 3: Historical Context Chart

Prompt: Historiography is the practice of analyzing how the historical context of a time influences how historians write about and interpret historical events. First, choose three secondary sources from your selected topic in the [Research Kit](#) and copy and paste the full citation of each article into the Article Citation field.

Next, explain in the chart below how you think the historical context of the time when these articles were written may have impacted the authors' interpretations of the events. You are encouraged to check out [this website](#) to help you formulate your thoughts on the historical context of your articles.

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Article Citation	Historical Context of Publication Date	Impact of Historical Context on Author's Thesis
Reynolds, M. L. & Lynch, F. X. (1955). Atomic bomb injuries among survivors in Hiroshima. <i>Public Health Reports</i> , 70(3), 261-270	In the late 1950s Martin Luther King Jr. lead the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. He was actively involve in the Montgomery Boycott in 1955 until his death in 1968. In 1963, he delivered his famous speech "I have a dream speech".	Reynolds and Lynch stated that no accurate count of the exact number of dead and injured will ever be possible and the causes of death in areas of greatest destruction can only be estimated.
Mallory, S. L. (2012). 'A very pleasant way to die': Radiation effects and the decision to use the atomic bomb against Japan. <i>Diplomatic History</i> , 36(3), 515-545	In the late 20 th century American scientist developed nuclear technology, the computer, put humans beings on the moon, and were at vanguard of Immunizations techniques.	Mallory argued that American scientist and leaders were aware of the radiation effects prior to Hiroshima and how that knowledge influenced the decision to use the atomic bomb.

Miles, R. E., Jr. (1985). Hiroshima: The strange myth of half a million American lives saved. International Security, 10(2), 121-140	In the late 1980s cable television became standard for most American households. MTV redefined popular music. The VCR and personal computer change American lifestyle. Also the use of drugs and sex proved fatal for thousands,	Miles stated that the use of the Atomic bomb on Hiroshima saved a half million lives of American soldiers, sailors, and Marines according to auto-biography of President Truman. He also agreed that President Truman and advisers had 3 non-nuclear strategies 7 that would have had a lesser impact versus the atomic bomb.