

**PLP Summer Reading 8th Grade
2018-2019 School Year**

All levels will read the following non-fiction work:

Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon

Author: Steve Sheinken

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You will write a sample of informal and formal text in response to your summer reading book. Both samples are meant to be creative, but fact based. YOU WILL NOT SUBMIT YOUR WORK UNTIL WE RETURN FROM SUMMER BREAK!

Part One:

Journal entries from one of the main characters: Write a three journal entries from one of the main characters as their journey with the atomic bomb unfolds.

- First person point-of-view
- Present tense
- Mix of fact and opinion, emotional

Part Two:

Newspaper article: Write a newspaper article that provides a summary of an event or series of events surrounding the atomic bomb. Be specific and accurate in the details that you include.

- Third person point-of-view for article
- First person point-of-view for bystander (someone who witnessed the accident)
- Past tense
- Blend of fact and opinion

Requirements:

- Each written work should be typed and double-spaced.
- Each written work should be no less than three (5-7 sentence) paragraphs.
- Each written work should be vivid, descriptive and reference relevant information from the text.

