

No.	Name	Impressions
1	Alicia Vasquez	<p>I felt very privileged to be here and hear the testimonies of the survivors. As a public school history teacher in Seattle, I knew about the atomic bomb/WW II from a factual view. However, after visiting the Atomic Bomb Memorial and the Peace Park, I now have a better understanding of the human impact and the consequences of nuclear weapons / war as seen from individual's experiences. I feel I now have a better understanding of the event, that will only make me a better teacher and help relay a message of peace to my students. I agree with Ogura-san and Hirai-san that the main way to affect peace and cause change is by sharing the message with others. Thank you for sharing your experiences — I felt fortunate to have heard them.</p>
2	Christina	<p>I think what amazes me the most about these testimonies is the amount of luck involved in surviving the bomb. If the survivors had been in a different location, their fate might have been very different.</p> <p>For people of my generation, who have not experienced war directly, these stories serve an important purpose in educating students and adults alike. We cannot empathize with an abstract notion of war or bombing, but we can feel empathy for the real people who suffered through these stories. I may never “know” Hiroshima for myself, but that does not mean that I cannot learn from the mistakes of my government. Thank you for re-living your painful past for the sake of future generations.</p>
3	Timo Strauhal	<p>I found myself becoming emotional and crying because there is still so much pain surrounding the day my country dropped the A-Bomb in 1945.</p> <p>I read the story of Sadako Sasaki in elementary school and have felt compassion for the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki since. I am now an English teacher in northern Japan and am thankful that people speaking today have stated the forgiveness of the American people for the purpose of continuing to strive for world peace.</p>
4	Minami	<p>By listening to the stories of survivors from A-bomb it's really scary, but I think that it was scarier for them. By imagining in my it's so scary but by seeing the film of “Hadasi no Gen” it's really scary seeing all burnt people and fire so I believe that it will be peace in our world and no more wars.</p>
5	K.R	<p>I felt privileged to hear their stories. How difficult it must be for all of them to have to recount that day. The loss of family, friends and everything that was familiar. I thank them for taking a devastating moment in their lives and thanks for running it into a movement for peace.</p>

6	Susan Gowans	<p>I feel very privileged to have heard the testimonies of the A-bomb victims in English. Their stories are tragic and devastating yet it was very interesting to hear their accounts first hand.</p> <p>I was very surprised to see that the victims are still very healthy. I hope those victims can continue to tell their stories, allowing people from all over the world feel and understand their suffering and to also feel inspired from their brave attitudes.</p>
7	Ales Vojacek	<p>I had a strong feeling. I was deeply touched. It was different from that when you just read about this tragic moment.</p> <p>I was thinking about my family, what I would do if I experienced that with my family. I hope that producing and owning atomic bomb will be stopped.</p>
8	Liron	<p>I felt respect towards those people who chose to share these horrible experiences with us. I am thankful for this opportunity. Your courage is an inspiration to me. I would like to know more and hear more.</p>
9	Slann	<p>It's just really incomprehensible and tough to relate to for someone who has never experienced war, but at the same time it was very moving to hear these things from actual survivors of the bomb.</p>
10	Teresa Pereira	<p>The fact that the victims needed so many time to be able to tell their stories clearly shows the traumatism of 'being a survivor'. I was poihiulaily impressed by the 'guilty' an 8-year-old carries with her for giving water to those crying for it after the blast.</p>
11	Lukas	<p>The memoirs were so fresh and strong despite so many years has past. Their work is really important, otherwise people can easily forget what a terrible horror the nuclear weapons are.</p>
12	Anatta	<p>Many thanks for sharing the experiences of sadness and horrors. It would not have been possible for me to understand the dreadful horrors of war and A-bombing, if I had not this opportunity of hearing to survivors. Thanks. Yes you are right. Peace cannot be won by violence. Thanks for your living expression of forgiveness/</p>
13	Mikiko Long	<p>I felt honored to be in the presence of the speakers. They are very brave to tell their stories. It is a big step towards peace. My Aunt had difficulties talking about her experience by years ago. She is a hibakusha and saw the horrors in Hiroshima on that infamous day. She escaped death by chance and I am lucky to have her in my life. We were lucky to be touched by presence of Ogura-san, Hirai-san, Hirazawa-san, Aratani-san and Fujii-san. Thank you very much.</p>

14	*Ben McNeill	I wasn't surprised by anything I heard—I had listened to/read Hibakusha stories before—but it is still very moving and depressing to hear what happened to these people. While listening to these stories today, I kept thinking, “Didn't the president know that these bombs would murder people like this?” How could anyone make a conscious decision to destroy an entire city like this? We need to pass these stories on to the people in America, so they can know exactly what the atomic bombs did. The way they teach us about the bombs is very lacking—they don't tell us about the corpses rotting in the river or the radioactive “black rain”. Nuclear weapons use is clearly indefensible when you hear stories like this.
15	Carol	I was moved by the courage of the speakers who shared their terrifying experiences to help all of us understand the horrors of nuclear weapons. It is my strongest hope that these weapons will finally be abolished within my lifetime and theirs.
16	Andreas Constandinos	Those who do not learn the lesson of history are condemned to repeat them. The meeting was deeply moving. I was particularly moved by Mr. Shoso Hirai's testimony, especially his comments at the end. I believe his assessment of the Atomic Bomb, nuclear weapons and Japan's involvement in the war is the only one that allows Japan the moral position from which to promulgate the cessation of the proliferation of nuclear weapons. This position is threatened by the activities at Yasukuni shrine every August 15 th .
17	David	The tort after seeing the destruction that a nuclear bomb causes. We have carried on developing and refining nuclear weapons to ever greater power.
18	Ashley	Glad to listen to the stories, thankful for many languages. Hard to believe the obliteration of Hiroshima happened 64 years ago.
19	Tamara Power Drutis	It's so different to hear directly than to read or see in a movie. We need the Hibakusha to come to the USA and tell the people.
20	Gaua Lombardo	I was always interested in the events of the world war II . I've decided to stay in Hiroshima one day more for this event. I feel sad, but I think that to hear directly is the strongest way to understand and defuse the consciousness of what has happened and what hasn't have to happened any more. I hope that many people from foreign countries will come to see and learn from these brave persons in the future. Thank you.
21	Cleuzton	Of course, we all know existence of atomic bombing but this testimonie gives it a tragic reality.

22	Jon	Very humbling experience.
23	Tang Jun Wen	Nuclear warfare on Hiroshima had inflicted scars both in the hearts of the Japanese people and the **** generations. Aug 8, 1945, a day not to be repeated. World peace, every part on earth should practice.
24	Saki	大学で国際関係の勉強をしていたので、英語の勉強と平和学習をかねて講演を聴かせていただきました。被爆者の方のお話を直接聴くのは初めてだったので、テレビや本とは違ったリアリティがありました。
25	Annika	I have no words to explain this!
26	Andy Webster	A very emotional experience. All the survivors' testimonies were very interesting. They are very brave individuals and their strength of character is very inspirational. I'm very pleased to attend this event.
27	Paul Ham	A profoundly moving insight into the suffering and loss experienced by innocent civilians exposed to the Atomic Bomb Aug 6, 1945.
28	Garry Paton	It's hard to believe that a disaster of this magnitude, created by man was happened within a generation. I think it is important to remember and to hear these ***** from the people who **** *** it *** it demonstrated ** ** efforts and *** people have suffered at the names of man.
29	Jorge Nunez	That hibakusha are treasures for humankind and are the living messengers of the hell of atomic genocide to warn humanity of the use of atomic weapons. Great effort to learn English to globalize their message as HIPs.
30	Pat Copeland	The stories were profoundly moving and inspiring. I think it is very important to help tell these stories in America. A recent poll said that most Americans still support the use of the bomb at the end of WWII. This makes it even more important to bring the stories of hibakusha to people there so they understand the reality of atomic weapons.
31	Pascal Schulze	Well, it's my second time in Hiroshima and in the last year I had the chance to talk to Mr. Hirai and Mr. Aratani, it was interesting. Today, I learn more about some people and I can't find a word for all these, but it touches me and goes in my heart. So, since last year I talk to so many people and tell them the story. I will never stop to tell other people in my Country and the world, the story about Hiroshima!
32	Chris Cowan	These people are incredibly brave to come up and tell their very personal stories to complete strangers, while speaking a language that is difficult for them. They are doing this very hard work for peace.

33	Luisa	Some parts were very touching. It is wonderful that survivors take the time to talk about their experiences even though. It must be very hard and painful to talk about them. Thank you for organizing all this. It would be nice if you could have such a meeting with all the state officials from countries with nuclear weapons, as they are the ultimate decision makers.
34	Katherine	I kept thinking about the novel I read, "Black Rain", which talks about the bomb in Hiroshima. Hearing the testimonies first hand was sobering and hard to listen to. I'm very sorry for what the victims of the bomb experienced and the loss and fear they still experience.
35	Deny	The horror of the event Aug.6 th .And now to try to make people understand.
36	Erin Sharpe(Canada)	Thank you so much for organizing a way to show people of the world an example of people truly striving for peace. I hope we can all work together for peace. Thank you.
37	Bill	You have touched our hearts and minds and are signs of Love and Peace and that we are brother and sisters. Your generosity and peace is as deep as the ocean. We come to be rejuvenated in this water. Love
38	Jenna Wee	My name is Jenna Wee. I'm from New Zealand. My grandmother, Michiko Sado, and her family survived the Atomic Bomb in Hiroshima. After the war she met my grandfather and moved with him to New Zealand. They had 3 healthy daughters—one of them being my mum. My grandmother died six years before I was born in 1980, aged 56. Being here in Hiroshima today is very special to me. Thank you.
39	Vielen Dank	Es was sehr interessant, hierher zu kommen und Fcagew an die hibakusha stellen zu kownen. Ich habe viele Bücher gelesen abes nie mit einem Hibakusha, so eng lvestraut reden zu konen, Erfahruyen gemacht. Es war gut hiesher gekommer zu sein. Danke!

40	Paul Wilder	I am deeply sensitive to this tragedy because I am a child of holocaust survivors, who lost “entirely” a large family, because we are Jews and were inhumanely murdered and tortured by the Nazi Regime under Hitler. I am a master’s degree graduate in philosophy, and have founded an organization and curriculum for children of holocaust survivors under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles. Especially Jews, who are so used to historical prejudice, insanity and violence, are in general affected by the bombing of Hiroshima and the mass destruction. It would be my personal honor to be able to assist H.I.P. and possibly create a unified effort to expand the education and emotional process worldly, in order to educate and gain support from the world community to stop atomic weapons proliferation. Thank you and shalom! (peace)
41	(Not shown)	No more nuclear experiments.
42	(Not shown)	Personal narratives were very different based in different experiences. Dedication on survivors to work for peace and wish to tell their stories often after and hope to make a difference while they can still tell their stories. I am about the same age and experience the same feeling of hoping to make a difference.
43	(Not shown)	The first two talks were hard to hear because of low volume and high background (talk from the door). Some language problems too. Very different testimonies, some very fact based, some more emotional, some peace declarations, some very personal. Although very interesting, I was most touched by the personal experiences from that of the aspects there after, and issues still present.
44	(Not shown)	There is a famous saying in English: “War is hell” I think rarely is that so true as in the experiences of those who lived through a nuclear bombing.
45	(Not shown)	It was very informative and interesting to hear their perspective of the war. It never really felt real until I was here and heard them.
46	(Not shown)	原爆被爆者の写真，記事を拝見し，実際アメリカが日本に何故原爆を落としたのか，その事実，真実を知るとても良い機会である。もっと多くの人々にこの式に参加してもらい，これ以上戦争を起こさぬよう，戦争の恐ろしさを知ってもらうととても良いと思う。今，グローバル化が進められている中で多く外国人の方の参列があったことにも，とても印象に残った。
47	(Not shown)	Frankly I am at a loss of words to express my sadness when I found out Aratanisan’s experience. Hopefully more people will learn of the tragedy.
48	(Not shown)	So impressed. I hope more ads and more participants.

49	(Not shown)	I found listening to the survivors stories difficult at times and often upsetting. I admire the survivors courage in sharing their experiences.
50	(Not shown)	Thank you for showing your lives. It is a great gift and we are truly inspired. May work together to eliminate nuclear weapons towards culture of peace. KEEP ARTICLE Teach us to Disarm.