

**Sociology 363**  
**Culture of Japan**  
**Video Reflections #4**  
**Social Concepts and Hiroshima Videos**

**Below are prompts for your video reflections on the social concepts and Hiroshima videos. All these sets of reflections are each worth 20 points. This set is due on Wednesday October 19 by the end of the day and can be submitted on Canvas.**

1. Distinguish between *tatamae* and *honne*. Under what circumstance would each be used?  
Tatamae is for other people's interests. It literally means "façade" and is the public face one puts on. Tatamae is what is expected by society and required according to one's position and circumstances, and these may or may not match one's honne. Honne refers to a person's true feelings and desires. These may be contrary to what is expected by society. They are often kept hidden except with closest friends. So Tatamae would be used out in public when talking to friends and strangers, but Honne will be used when you are behind closed doors where you can speak how you really feel.
2. Do you agree with the last survivor of the Enola Gay on the necessity of using the atomic bomb?  
I do agree with the fact that of using the atomic bomb because yes, they wiped out an entire city in Japan, but if they did not do this then the war would have gone on forever and it would have been a blood bath many more lives would have been lost had the war continued if the bomb was not dropped. However, it still feels morally wrong to kill innocent people within the city.
3. According to the older gentleman in the Hiroshima video, how do the Japanese feel about Americans particularly relating to the atomic bomb?  
After the bomb fell on Hiroshima there was an American POW who was shot down and asking for water and all the Japanese people around him were just standing there watching him not doing anything to harm him, they were just standing there in shock. Then for Japan now adays education blames the war for what happened to Hiroshima not Americans themselves so that is why Japanese people are not anger at the Americans because they are taught that it is the wars fault.
4. How does Hiroshima see itself in the world community?  
They see themselves as a reminder as what happened to the city if you use nuclear weapons, and they believe that nuclear weapons should be eliminated from every country as to not have any other cities to experience the fate that Hiroshima experienced. They are the guiding light for others to follow behind them in the fight for eliminating nuclear weapons, but they also show how they have come back after the bombing and how the city thrives again with life.
5. What was your impression of President Obama's speech in Hiroshima?  
I thought it was well put together when he talked about different events that has occurred because of war. I really enjoyed when he talked about how Japan and the U.S. developed a friendship and alliance after that fateful day that is worth a whole lot more than what can be gained through war. And that we are not bond by history of war but instead we are giving a choice to choose how to settle a conflict to avoid war.