

Discussing the Claims

The United States mentioned the new weapon to Stalin because they were allies in the war.	Truman withheld from Stalin the true name of the new weapon.	Stalin immediately understood that the United States had an atomic bomb.

The chart above shows some of the claims made or implied by the various texts. Complete the chart by writing the number of the text(s) (Text 1-6) that support these claims into the corresponding boxes. You may use the same texts more than once.

11. Circle two conclusions that can be drawn after synthesizing the information in Texts 1–6. Then, in the Supporting Sentences column, write the sentence from the list provided that best supports each conclusion you chose.

Conclusion	Supporting Sentences
The United States government viewed the Manhattan Project as an opportunity for international cooperation.	
The Soviets were not interested in discussing the development of nuclear weapons with America.	
Many experts were opposed to informing Stalin of the existence of the Manhattan Project.	
Although the USSR was an ally of the United States and Britain, relations were strained and mistrustful.	
Officials of the United States knew they could not hope to win World War II without developing a powerful new weapon.	

List of Possible Supporting Sentences

- 1) "Einstein had written to inform Roosevelt that recent research on chain reactions utilizing uranium made it probable that large amounts of power could be produced by a chain reaction and that, by harnessing this power, the construction of 'extremely powerful bombs' was conceivable." (Text 1)
- 2) "Einstein drafted his famous letter with the help of Hungarian émigré physicist Leo Szilard, one of a number of European scientists who had fled to the United States in the 1930s to escape Nazi and Fascist repression." (Text 1).
- 3) "Or did they make a tragic blunder?" (Text 2)
- 4) Mr. Churchill and I had previously discussed the problem of telling Stalin and, if so, whether before the explosion of the bomb or after (Text 5).
- 5) If we did tell him would he ask for the know-how at once? (Text 5)
- 6) However, Stalin did not betray his feelings and pretended that he saw nothing special in what Truman had imparted to him (Text 6).