

Nagasaki August 9, 1945

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Critical Analysis

The incidents of seven days from 9th to 15th of August have been described with simplicity and precision. The theme of the essay is the horrors, destruction, and devastation of Nuclear War. The 9th of August was a clear, hot, and beautiful summer day. The writer left his residence at eight in the morning and went to catch a tram which has been derailed in an accident, so he returned home. At 11 am on that day he was sitting in his room with a fellow student when he heard the sound of B-29 aircraft passing overhead. A few minutes later, the air flashed a brilliant yellow light and there was a huge blast of wind. The roof of the house was blown and all the glasses were shattered. They were terrified and ran to the toilet to hide themselves. A piece of glass had cut his shoulder, and he was bleeding. After a while, he came out and saw that the sky had turned from blue to black. The black rain started to fall. The walls were reduced to rubble. He tried to go to his medical school in Urakami but could not. There was fire everywhere. He saw numerous people who were severely wounded. The air was full of high radiation. There were people on the streets whose clothes were in rags, and shreds with vacant stares. The city was destroyed. The next day, he was able to enter Urakami on foot. He saw everything had disappeared. Only the concrete and iron skeletons of the buildings remained. There were dead bodies everywhere. From the mouth of a dead body foam was coming out. The women and children were crying for help. A man had fallen into a tub, seeking cool water. Burnt bodies of animals and men were lying on the road. There were black charred bodies everywhere. A dead horse was