Unit I Paper:  
Compare and Contrast

Write a 4-5 page paper comparing one of the two pairings below:

1) Sidney Shallet, “First Atomic Bomb Dropped on Japan” and Masuji Ibuse, Black Rain


This paper should follow a traditional essay format, incorporating an introduction with thesis statement, a body, and a conclusion. In the body of the paper you should complete, in this order, each of the three following tasks:

1) Provide a one-paragraph summary of each of the two articles following the model of summary discussed and practiced in class

2) Over several paragraphs develop a comparison of specific similarities and differences between the two articles based on your own insights and/or those addressed in class. This analysis should include some discussion of logos, pathos, and ethos, though these terms don’t have to be central to all your arguments

3) The last portion of the essay, developed over two or three paragraphs, should make an argument about which article is more effective and why. Alternately, it is a possibility to argue that each argument is effective but for different reasons, or that neither argument is effective, and why this is the case. Regardless of which perspective you choose, your argument should flow out of and incorporate the specific pieces of information you developed in the comparison portion of the essay.

The paper will be evaluated based on these three criteria:

1) Your ability to grasp, then concisely and effectively to convey in writing the main idea and key points of each of the articles

2) Your ability to analyze the articles based on their goals, methods, and claims, and to clearly compare and contrast these analyses

3) Your ability to convey your opinion about the comparative effectiveness of these articles based on the information you presented in the previous section