

英語で平和記念公園を 説明してみよう Part9!

The Hypocenter

The target for the atomic bomb was actually the Aioi Bridge. However, the bomb exploded in the air above Shima Hospital. Shima Hospital is located about 300 meters from Aioi Bridge. The temperature in this area became incredibly hot. In fact, it was more than twice as hot as the temperature that can melt steel. The director of Shima Hospital was away that day and survived. Everyone in the building, though, was killed.

Q1. What was the target for the atomic bomb?

Q2. Where did the bomb explode?

hypocenter = 爆心地 temperature = 温度 melt = 溶かす survive = 生き延びる

Q3. How hot did it get in this area?

Q4. Who survived the bombing?



BONUS. What does the expression "ground zero" mean?