

## Attitudinize

“As Nakamura-san struggled to get from day to day, she had no time for attitudinizing about the bomb or anything else.”

Adopt or express a particular attitude or attitudes, typically just for effect.

## Carcinoma

“And, later on, other forms of cancer besides leukemia, with longer periods of latency, were showing up at higher than normal rates: carcinomas of the thyroid, the lungs...”

A cancer arising in the epithelial tissue of the skin or of the lining of the internal organs.

## Cenotaph

“At the heart of the park, there would be, in memory of those who had died, a solemn cenotaph in the shape of a haniwa, an arch of clay...”

A monument erected in honor of a person or group of persons whose remains are elsewhere.

## Chagrin

“Newspapers called them, to their chagrin, Genbaku Otome, a phrase that was translated into English, literally, as A-Bomb Maidens.”

Distress or embarrassment at having failed or been humiliated.

## Construe

“As he continued to cough up blood... there gathered around him what he construed as a deathwatch: his wife, Dr. Hattori, the hospital matron, several nurses.”

Interpret (a word or action) in a particular way.

## Dendrology

“A Quaker professor of dendrology from the University of Washington named Floyd W. Schmoie, driven, apparently, by... reconciliation, had come to Hiroshima...”

The scientific study of trees.

## Dissertation

“Besides his duties as a surgeon, he had to spend every Thursday... at the University of Hiroshima, to chip away at his doctoral dissertation on appendiceal tuberculosis.”

A long essay on a particular subject that is done to earn an advanced degree at a university.

## Efficacious

“His family had money—and, indeed, over the years... the most efficacious medicine for whatever ailed him would be cash or credit, the larger the dosage the better.”

Having the power to produce a desired result or effect; effective.

## Endocrine

“There were several ailments, less life-threatening than the cancers, that were thought... to have resulted from exposure to the bomb... endocrine disorders...”

Producing secretions that are distributed in the body by way of the bloodstream.

## Heinous

“The hibakusha lived in an economic limbo, apparently because the Japanese government did not want... responsibility for heinous acts of the victorious U.S.”

Hatefully or shockingly evil.

## Incidence

“Above all, it was evident by 1950 that the incidence of leukemia in hibakusha was much higher than normal;”

The occurrence, rate, or frequency of a disease, crime, or something else undesirable.

## Lacquer

“Thieves had broken into two fortlike storage repositories next to his mother’s house and taken... a lacquer box given to the Doctor’s grandfather by the Emperor.”

A liquid that is spread on wood or metal and that dries to form a hard and shiny surface.

## Ostensible

“This was ostensibly for patients, but he opened it to the townspeople as well, charging more for admission than the usual public bathhouse did;”

Seeming or said to be true or real but very possibly not true or real.

## Precarious

“At that precarious time, she fell ill. Her belly began to swell up, and she had diarrhea and so much pain she could no longer work at all.”

Not safe, strong, or steady.

## Progeny

“It was the late sixties before analyses... showed some chromosome aberrations in... survivors, and it would be longer to tell what effects there would be on their progeny”

A descendant or the descendants of a person, animal, or plant; offspring.

## Repository

“Thieves had broken into two fortlike storage repositories next to his mother’s house and taken... a lacquer box given to the Doctor’s grandfather by the Emperor.”

A place, room, or container where something is deposited or stored.

## **Repossess**

“Gradually, Hiroshimans began to repossess the plots of rubble where their houses had stood.”

Regain possession of (something).

## **Rudimentary**

“Boys of nineteen and twenty who as draftees were involved in a war they did not consider theirs... felt a rudimentary responsibility—or... guilt—as fathers.”

Basic or simple.

## **Sciatic**

“He was operated on to relieve pressure on the right sciatic nerve, and he was fitted with a corset. From then on, he was bedridden.”

Of, relating to, or situated near the hip.

## **Sybarite**

“A city of strivers and sybarites, with seven hundred and fifty-three bookstores and two thousand three hundred and fifty-six bars.”

A person devoted to luxury and pleasure.