**Night Three: Never Surrender**

Shockwaves reverberate throughout the U.S. after the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The U.S. officially enters the war. The Allies must stop both Japan and Germany. Mussolini is overthrown and the Allies win a few key victories including the Battle of Midway. Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin meet in Tehran late in 1943 to strategize. The Allies wrest control of Western Europe back from Hitler in June 1944 through one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history: D-Day. Patton drives his army toward Berlin. His troops make a gruesome discovery, locating concentration camps and revealing the horrific crimes of the Nazis. Tragically, FDR dies as the nation’s future hangs in the balance. Hitler commits suicide and Germany exits the war. In August 1945 Truman does the unthinkable in an effort to end the conflict – he orders atomic bombs to be dropped on Japan. The war has finally ended. But how will the world rebuild, and will a lasting peace be possible?

**Critical Thinking Questions**

**Directions:** Choose one of the questions below to answer. Your answer must be in complete sentences and be at least 10 sentences.

1. When and why did the United States enter World War II?
2. How would you describe the relationship between FDR and Churchill? What were some of the important decisions they made together during World War II?
3. Why do you think Mussolini failed to maintain power in Italy?
4. What do you think were Stalin’s major goals during World War II? How did he work with Roosevelt and Churchill to achieve these goals?
5. Why was the D-Day plan so risky? Why do you think the Allies were able to achieve success?
6. Patton is remembered as one of the greatest generals in U.S. history. Based on what you learned in this episode, do you agree with this assessment of Patton? Discuss.
7. What was Hitler’s “Final Solution”? What role did the German military and citizenry play in helping achieve this plan? When and how was it thwarted?
8. What was the state of the world at the end of World War II? What plans were put in place to help rebuild?
9. At the end of this episode, the war had ended but peace is not a given. Imagine you do not know what happened after 1945. Would you predict that peace was possible? Discuss.