World War II
Outcome: The Atomic Bombs and the Decision to Use Them

1. The A-Bomb Project
   a. 1939: __________ ____________ split uranium atoms, creating a nuclear ____________
   b. May ’42: ______ created a secret $____ A-bomb program ---> ____________ Project
      i. ______ workers and world famous scientists contributed (a race was underway)
         1. __________________ – German refugee (Jewish)
         2. __________________ – Italian refugee
         3. __________________ – American Jew (Scientific Director)
      ii. __________: The U.S. program successfully created a ____________
      iii. The actual bombs were constructed in a lab in ________________ , New Mexico
   c. Upon FDR’s death (April 12, 1945) even ________________ was unaware of the project

2. Following V-E Day (May 8, 1945) Allied leaders agreed to meet in Potsdam, Germany
   a. Purpose: To decide the _______ of post-war Europe and how to ____________
   b. July 16, 1945: While at the Potsdam Conference, Truman received news that:
      i. The “__________” in Alamogordo, New Mexico had succeeded
      ii. ___ more __________ had been produced, and others were on the way
      iii. Stalin ________ seem surprised when Truman told him. Why? ____________
   c. July 26, 1945: Allies _______________ to surrender or face prompt & utter ____________

3. President Truman relied on advisers, but Truman made the final decision
   a. Over 70 project scientists and Gen. Eisenhower __________ __________ using the bombs
   b. The decision was based on:
      i. Saving __________ & __ and shorten the war by ____________ months
      ii. The fact that ____________ warfare ________ forced a Japanese surrender, despite high casualties
      iii. Estimates that Japan still had ____________ soldiers ready to fight and die
      iv. Gaining an upper hand on the ____________ in the post-war negotiations
         (*The Soviet Union was scheduled to enter the war against Japan on ________________)
      v. ____________ its future use by using it now (__________)
   c. Truman never _______________ or __________________ for his decision

4. The Defeat of Japan in 1945
   a. Aug 6: ____________ was dropped from the B-29 bomber nicknamed the ____________, exploding 2000 feet above ____________ (100,000 died)
   b. Aug 9: ____________ was dropped on __________________ (100,000 died)
   c. Aug 14: ________ Day; Sept 2, ;45: Japan signed the ________________!

Result: The _________________. The war literally ended with a bang and no country has used the atomic bomb since Nagasaki. Peace would be ________________, however, as tensions with the ____________ were on the rise which would begin the ____________.