**Presenting Your Option**

**The setting:** It is late July 1945. Nazi Germany has surrendered and Japan’s island empire in the Pacific has been smashed. A few days ago, scientists in New Mexico successfully tested a powerful new weapon- an atomic bomb- to further strengthen our country’s arsenal.

**Your assignment:** You should seek to persuade the Truman administration that your option represents the best approach to ending the war against Japan. After reading each option, answer the questions below from the viewpoint of each option. You will be called upon to present a persuasive five-minute summary of your option to administration officials. These questions will help you prepare for your presentation.

1. What will be the impact of the option on future American casualties in the war?
2. What position does the option take on the policy of insisting on Japan’s unconditional surrender?
3. How will the option affect relations with the Soviet Union?
4. How will the option influence the future direction of the atomic age?
5. How does the option promote American values?

**After you have answered the five questions for ALL THREE options, decide which option would be the best for the United States with consideration of the SIX factors outlined in *July 1945: Moment of Decision*. Finally, explain why the Truman administration should adopt your selected option (connect to each of the six factors)?**