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*Chapter 35:* After the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese, many American’s had an attitude of vengeance. FDR was able to resist their pressures of taking care of Japan because he thought it was important to take of Japan before it was taken over. WWII was able to united the county, but one ugly side is that the government issued Japanese internment camp out of paranoia. The need for war supplies created a demand and that created many jobs which then ended the great depression. After the war, we were about the only county that was better off after the war than before. To take of Japan the US tried implementing a strategy called island hopping. This was quite unsuccessful and led to many casualties D-Day was the day of the invasion of Normandy, France. With it we were able to liberate France. Now, the Allied forces were able to push their way into Berlin where Hitler than had realized that he lost and had committed suicide. The Japanese Government was the only group left that we had to take care of and we used the atomic bomb to make the government surrender. Japan finally surrenders and the allied forces have won the war.

*Chapter 36:* After the war, many people worried that the county would suffer another economic depression. Rather, the economy grew and many people benefited from that. This occurred because the war forced the US to produce more than it had ever done previously and because of the popularity of the car. With the population growing, the suburbs became very popular and ideal. As well, with the returning soldiers of the war, they were all getting married and beginning to have children, this led to the Baby Boom generation. After the war, a contentious relationship formed between the US and the USSR which led to the cold war. Problems were presented and post-Germany was tricky to unite. China wanted reparations from Germany but Truman thought that Germany’s economic success was vital. The election of 1948 was occurring and it appeared as if Dewey would win, but Truman was able to keep his office. War in Korea broke out and the US supported the democracy South. Some battles happened in China got involved. In the end, the North and South of Korea were divided at the 38th parallel.

*Chapter 37:* The invention of the transistor led to many new inventions and helped to develop the computer. Eisenhower became president and won with a landslide. He was liked by everyone and he attempted to make Korea more peaceful. He was unable to do much. As well, a man named Joseph McCarthy began accusing people of being communism without any real proof. But regardless he was able to destroy people’s careers when he called them a communist. He then revealed the liar that he was and no one believed him after his mess up. A Civil Rights movement began to take place and they tried to integrate schools together. This failed and was not able to be done successfully until 1970. Next, Eisenhower attempted to make peace with the USSR but they refused all his attempts. But when the USSR was being attacked and we rejected their pleas of help, they scorned us. Now Castro took over Cuba and it became communist. We were threatened by missile attack if we invaded Cuba, instead we proposed the “Marshall Plan”. The next election came and JFK beat Nixon with a comfortable margin. The old general fades away with his presidency.