***Flyboys: A True Story of Courage* , Chapter 17: Enduring the Unendurable**

Directions: You should be able to define the key vocabulary and answer the following questions after reading the material for Chapter 17.

Identifications needed for Chapter 17 (Jot down some brief notes/descriptions of the following flyboys for easy reference as you continue to read.)

Total War Ketsu-Go Special Attack Potsdam Declaration

Enola Gay Harry Truman USS Missouri

1. What do the numerous refusals by Japanese officers and soldiers to execute Floyd Hall symbolize about the Japanese in March of 1945.
2. Explain this comment found on page 291: “in Japanese military doctrine, material things did not signify. Spirit was crucial.”
3. Describe the lengths Japanese leadership was prepared to take to ensure ‘victory’ for their nation.
4. What predictions of casualties did Americans fear would occur with an invasion of mainland Japan?
5. Detail the impact of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.
6. Do you see the use of the Atomic bomb(s) by the US as appropriate in the course of the war?
7. How did the Spirit Warriors react to the first atomic bomb at Hiroshima?

8. Why does Bradley mention the story of the October 1945 typhoon?

***Flyboys: A True Story of Courage* , Chapter 18: Casualties of War**

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Identifications needed for Chapter 18 (Jot down some brief notes/descriptions of the following flyboys for easy reference as you continue to read.)

There is no vocabulary for Chapter 18

1. What made American investigators suspicious of the stories they were being told of the flyboy’s deaths on Chichi Jima.
2. What was the status of Emperor Hirohito following the war? In your opinion, was this the correct outcome?
3. Does the treatment of the Emperor following the war contradict the notion that Americans saw the Japanese as uncivilized barbarians?
4. Is it right for a soldier following orders from superiors to be punished for war crimes?

5. What do you make of President Bush’s attendance to Hirohito’s funeral and his subsequent visit to Iwo Jima?