

McCarthyism: A 20th Century Witch Hunt

Using the website below to find multiple links on McCarthyism, answer the following questions about the most prominent witch hunt of the 20th century.

<http://www.kn.sbc.com/wired/fil/pages/listmccarthyay.html>

1. How did Truman try to stem the tide of Communism?
2. From what state was Joseph P. McCarthy a senator?
3. What was McCarthy's job before becoming a U. S. Senator?
4. How would McCarthy's military record be described?
5. Was McCarthy backed by the Communist Party in his 1946 campaign for the U. S. Senate?
6. Where and when did Joseph McCarthy deliver his exposé speech on Communism?
7. What was the gist of this speech? What organization, in particular, was attacked?
8. What was the purpose of the Tydings Committee?
9. What were the Army-McCarthy hearings?
10. What was the Cold War?
11. What was the Red Scare? How many "Red Scares" have we had?
12. What is a blacklist?
13. On what premise were people blacklisted?
14. Why was much of the blacklisting done in Hollywood?
15. What is the purpose of the House Un-American Activities Committee?

16. Under what circumstances would victims be tried for contempt of court?
17. What was the difference between “friendly” and “unfriendly” witnesses?
18. Who were Ethel and Julius Rosenberg?
19. Who is Alger Hiss?
20. Who is Roy Cohn?
21. Which future president made his name during this time as a young Congressman from California?
22. Which future president testified as a “friendly” witness?
23. Name all of “The Hollywood Ten”?
24. Why did Arthur Miller write *The Crucible*?
25. What did Miller wish he had done differently in regard to writing this play?
26. What is COINTELPRO and who implemented this policy?
27. In what profession was Edward R. Murrow a pioneer and what made him a pioneer?
28. For what TV network did Edward R. Murrow work and on what famous TV show did Murrow chronicle McCarthy and his workings?
29. What was Murrow’s famous line to end his weekly commentary?
30. To what is the McCarthy era most often compared?
31. What happened to Joseph McCarthy after this pillage on Americans’ good names was halted?