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**“Duck and Cover” Video Activity**

Apply your knowledge of American history to answer the following questions, after reading the Introduction on the class website and watching the video:

1. What events led to the production of this film?

2. Who was the intended audience?

3. Why do you think those responsible for its production chose a cartoon format for the

introduction with Bert the Turtle as the main character?

4. Viewers today consider the film naïve and misleading and without any scientific

foundation. At one point there is a comparison of radiation burns from a nuclear blast to

bad sunburn. Why was the information considered accurate and appropriate in the early 1950’s?