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**Hunting Communists at Home, The 2nd Red Scare, and McCarthyism**

*Print out or write these questions, and answers into your notebook. Click on the corresponding Video Link to watch and answer the questions connected to each video clip.*

Background: Following World War II, tensions between the Soviet Union and the United States increased. As the Cold War began, the spread of communism and Soviet influence in places like China and North Korea concerned leaders in the United States. Additionally, the Soviet development of the atomic bomb and the discovery of spies in the US helping them led to an intense fear of communism within the United States. This led to investigations of communists and suspected communists in the Unites States. This lesson includes events such as the Rosenberg trials, blacklisting in Hollywood and the rise and decline of McCarthyism.

**THURSDAY**

**Video Clip 1 – The Rosenberg’s Ethel and Julius:**

* Explain the charges that Ethel and Julius Rosenberg faced. What was the result of this?

**Video Clip 2: - The Red Scare and Nuclear Scientists**

* Explain the backlash that scientists faced during the Red Scare.
* What were the problems with this backlash?
* How did President Truman describe this problem?

**Video Clip 3: - Hollywood and the House Un-American Activities Committee**

* Who were the "Hollywood Ten" and what were they accused of doing in the House Un-American Activities Committee?
* What argument did the "Hollywood Ten" give in their defense?
* What was the result of the "Hollywood Ten" refusing to testify?
* Explain what is meant by "blacklisted."

**Video Clip 4: The Historical Background of McCarthyism**

* How does Ms. Brennan describe Senator Joe McCarthy?
* Describe the political context for Senator McCarthy's speech.
* What was the general view of communism in the 1940s and 1950s? What specific events led to this?

**FRIDAY**

**Video Clip 5: Senator Joe McCarthy's "Enemies from Within" Speech**

* What was the historical context of Senator McCarthy's speech?
* Explain the major charge that Senator McCarthy's speech presented.
* How did Senator McCarthy's claims spread?
* Why did the number of people on the list change?

**Video Clip 6: - ACLU Co-Founder Arthur Garfield Hays on McCarthyism**

* Explain Mr. Hays's arguments that the communist influence in other countries is different than in the United States.
* According to Mr. Hays, what is the problem with this search for communists?

**Video Clip 7: McCarthy and the Senate Hearings**

* How did the election of 1952 increase the power of Senator McCarthy?
* What tactics did Senator McCarthy use during the Senate committee hearing?
* Describe who McCarthy targeted during this period.
* How did the public's opinion of Joseph McCarthy charge during these hearings?
* Explain the decline in Senator McCarthy's influence and power.