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McCarthy Research HW Assignment   ELA 11

McCarthyism

Communism in the 1950's.

Throughout the 1950's, people in the United States were afraid of the Red Scare. This was the fear of widespread infiltration of Communists in the United States Government. It started in the late 1940's and went through the late 1950's. Believe it or not, peace was a big part of the fight against communism. Though, peace is defined in many different ways. For example, one definition of peace is the absence of mental stress or anxiety. Another definition of peace, as applies to the battle against communism in the late 1950's, is the state prevailing during the absence of war. Troops thought of peace as the outcome of their country's victory at the end of the war. (this comes from "Communist use of the word Peace", by Fred Schwarz) Fred Schwarz also shows how Communists try to manipulate people worldwide to think that under communism, people are prosperous, happy, and wealthy. At the same time, America is a country of poverty, malnutrition, depression and fear. Communist's words throughout the late 1950's have manipulated people around the world in order to gain support for their communist cause.

Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Joseph McCarthy was born on a farm in Appleton, Wisconsin, on November 14th, 1908. Both of his parents were devout Roman Catholics. He left school at the age of 14 and went to work as a chicken farmer before being the manager of a local grocery store. He went back to school in 1928 and after college became a lawyer. He didn't make enough money though so he had to stay afloat by playing poker. He was originally a fan of Franklin Roosevelt and his New Deal plan, but McCarthy failed to become the Democratic Candidate for the district attorney. Instead he joined the Republican Party and became a city judge. He often lied in politics, especially to undermine his running opponents. He ran against Robert La Follette to become Republican candidate for the Senate. He attacked La Follette during the campaign for not enlisting in the war(even though La Follette was in his forties and was too old to enlist anyways) . While in the senate he accused hundreds of state officials of being part of the American Communist Party. All charges were revoked due to lack of evidence supported by McCarthy.

House of Un-American Activities Committee

The Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) was originally established in 1937 under the chairmanship of Martin Dies. The main objective of the HUAC was the investigation of un-American and subversive activities. The HUAC concentrated on the possibility that the American Communist Party had infiltrated the Federal Writers Project and other New Deal projects.

Hollywood Ten

In 1947 Roy M. Brewer was appointed to the Motion Picture Industry Council. At this time the House of Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC), chaired by J. Parnell Thomas, began an investigation into the Hollywood Motion Picture Industry. The HUAC interviewed 41 people who were working in Hollywood. These people attended voluntarily and became known as "friendly witnesses". During their interviews they

named nineteen people who they accused of holding left-wing views. Roy M. Brewer was interviewed by the HUCA in October, 1947. He claimed that he knew 13 writers, actors and directors he said were involved in communist activities. This included John Garfield and Dalton Trumbo, both of whom had volunteered to act as observers for the studio pickets in the Conference of Studio Unions (CSU) strike.

McCarthyism Research Assignment Rubric

Dimensions:	Distinguished (4)	Proficient (3)	Developing (2)	Unsuccessful (1)
Quality of Information **(Weight: 7)**	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It includes several supporting details and/or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. It provides 1-2 supporting details and/or examples.	Information clearly relates to the main topic. No details and/or examples are given.	Information has little or nothing to do with the main topic.
Amount of Information **(Weight: 7)**	An appropriate depth of research is made obvious as all topics are addressed with at least 2 bullets of information.	Most topics are addressed with at least 2 bullets of information.	Topics are addressed with at least 1 bullet of information.	One or more topics were not addressed.
Organization **(Weight: 5)**	Information is organized in a logical and meaningful manner, communicating findings from research effectively.	Information is organized in a logical and meaningful manner, communicating findings from research somewhat effectively.	Information is somewhat organized.	The information appears to be disorganized.
Sources **(Weight: 3)**	Both primary and secondary sources (information and graphics) are used and accurately documented in the desired format.	Both primary and secondary sources (information and graphics) are used, but a few are not documented in the desired format.	Both primary and secondary sources (information and graphics) are used, but many are not documented in the desired format.	Appropriate sources are either not used or not accurately documented.
Mechanics **(Weight: 3)**	No grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors are present.	Almost no grammatical, spelling or punctuation errors are present.	A few grammatical spelling, or punctuation errors are present and somewhat impede the reading of the information.	Many grammatical, spelling, or punctuation errors are present, impeding the reading and understanding of the information.

Total Score: __91__   **Comments:** *Good job, Alex! You lost points because you did not include in-text citations and a works cited page.*