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McCarthyism: WebQuest

Go to <http://www.ushistory.org/us/53a.asp>, read, and answer the following questions.

1. Who was Joseph McCarthy? What was he investigating?

2. What did President Truman order in 1947?

3. What caused communist fears to intensify?

4. What did McCarthy claim in his speech in West Virginia on February 9, 1950?

**Read the McCarthy speech.**

5. Who does McCarthy refer to as a “man who with his whole heart and soul hated war”?

6. Six years prior to the speech how many people were aligned with the Soviet Union vs. the “antitotalitarian side?

7. At the time of his speech how had the numbers changed?

8. What is McCarthy referring to when he repeats the quote: “When a great democracy is destroyed, it will not be because of enemies without, but rather because of enemies within”?

9. According to McCarthy, why has the United States become “impotent”?

10. What did John Service do that irritated McCarthy? What happened to Service?

11. According to McCarthy, why has there not been a “moral uprising” in America against Communists?

12. According to McCarthy, how was the “dormant indignation of the American people” awakened?

13. Who did McCarthy start accusing in 1954 that ultimately led to his downfall?

14. How did the army strike back? What is the famous quote uttered by the Council of the Army?

15. In the end, how did the Senate deal with McCarthy?

16. What was HUAC?

17. Who did they target?

18. What happened to uncooperative artists in Hollywood?

19. How were HUAC and McCarthy mimicked throughout the US?

20. What were the long-term effects of HUAC and McCarthy?