THE RED SCARE AND MCCARTHYISM: WEBQUEST

We will begin reading Arthur Miller’s play, *The Crucible* shortly. We have learned all about the Puritans and the Salem Witch Trials, but we have one more piece of pre-reading background knowledge to learn: **The Red Scare and McCarthyism.** As you progress through this Web Quest, you will begin to understand how this is connected to the Salem Witch Trials and the play. If you are still confused on how it connects, we will discuss it on Monday, but you still need to complete this assignment to learn about this time in history.

**Complete the following WebQuest by following all of the links in the left column (links on my blog) and answering all of the questions in the right column.**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| WHAT IS THE RED SCARE?Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4LpLqHNOTk> | 1. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT WAS THE RED SCARE?
2. WHAT DOES “HUAC” STAND FOR?
 |
| WHAT IS MCCARTHYISM?<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N35IugBYH04> | 1. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT WAS MCCARTHYISM?
2. THIS VIDEO DESCRIBES THE INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED COMMUNISTS AS A “WITCH HUNT.” WHY DO YOU THINK THIS COMPARISON TO THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS IS MADE?
3. WHAT FINALLY TURNED THE PUBLIC AGAINST MCCARTHY?
4. THE VIDEO POSES THIS QUESTION: “If new demagogues appeared in uncertain times to attack unpopular minorities in the name of patriotism, could it all happen again?” WHAT DO YOU THINK? COULD SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPEN AGAIN, OR HAS IT ALREADY HAPPENED? EXPLAIN(Space on Back)
 |
| WHAT IS BLACKLISTING?Read the following: <https://www.biography.com/people/groups/blacklisted>Read the following definitions:<https://www.dictionary.com/browse/blacklist> | 1. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT WAS “BLACKLISTING” DURING THE RED SCARE?
2. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, WHAT DOES “BLACKLIST” MEAN TODAY?
 |
| WHO IS ARTHUR MILLER?Read the following: Use the button on my blog. | 1. WHAT HAPPENED TO ARTHUR MILLER DURING THE RED SCARE/MCCARTHYISM?
2. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW BEFORE WE START READING HIS PLAY ABOUT THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS, *THE CRUCIBLE*?
 |
| WHAT IS HYSTERIA?Read the second definition here:<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/hysteria> | 1. IN YOUR OWN WORDS, DEFINE HYSTERIA.
2. HYSTERIA IS USED TO DESCRIBE BOTH THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS AND THE RED SCARE/MCCARTHYISM? WHY DO YOU THINK THIS WORD IS USED IN BOTH CONTEXTS?
 |