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The Red Scare

Theme: American and National Identity

Learning Objective 8.C: Explain the causes and effects of the Red Scare after World War II.

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	KC-8.1.II.A: Americans debated	policies and methods	designed to expose s	uspected communists	s within the United States
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Republicans win control of Congress in 1946
 Push Truman to set up (1947-1950)
•(1940) outlaws advocating overthrow of government, upheld in
•(1950)
Outlaws support for establishment of totalitarian gov.,
 Restricts movement of Communists, authorizes detention camps
• (1938) investigates everyone/anyone
Hollywood actors who did not testify
Playwright Arthur Miller write (1953)
 Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R) - Claimed to have lists of communists who infiltrated US Gov.
 Televised army hearings portrayed him as paranoid bully (1954)
• declines as economic boom continues
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KC-8.1.II.A:even as both parties supported the broader strategy of containing communism.
Fueled by actual communist spies
• state department official, alleged to give Soviets documents, questioned by Rep. Nixon. Convicted
for perjury.
Manhattan Project scientist helped steal technology from US
• convicted and executed for spying on behalf of Soviet Union - secret info
on radar, sonar, jet engines, nuclear tech.

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Recap

- The United States adopted several different policies to keep communism out of the country
- The tactics of the policies were contrary to civil liberties
- A paranoid, witch-hunt atmosphere developed in the era of McCarthyism
- The discovery of several high profile communist spies continued to fuel the Red Scare

Part II

Short Answer Questions

Answer the following in AT LEAST three sentences.

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Arthur Miller Testifies at HUAC hearing, June 21, 1956

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Mr. Arens (counsel for HUAC and a former aide to Senator McCarthy): This is about the end of the hearing. We have only a few more questions. The record reflects that this witness has identified these meetings as the meetings of the Communist writers. In the jurisdiction of this committee he has been requested to tell this committee who were in attendance at these meetings.

Mr. Walter: Mr. Miller, what has this to do –

Mr. Miller: I am trying to elucidate my position on the relation of art.

Mr. Arens: Was Arnaud D'Usseau chairman?

Gordon Scherer (HUAC member and former House Representative from Ohio): Just a minute. Mr. Chairman, may I interrupt?

Mr. Walter: Yes.

Mr. Scherer: There is a question before the witness; namely, to give the names of those individuals who were present at the Communist Party meeting of Communist writers. There is a direction on the part of the chairman to answer the question. Now so that the record may be clear, I think we should say to the witness – Witness, would you listen?

Mr. Miller: Yes.

Mr. Scherer: We do not accept the reasons you gave for refusing to answer the question and that it is the opinion of the committee that, if you do not answer the question, that you are placing yourself in contempt. That is an admonition that this committee must give you in compliance with the decisions of the Supreme Court. Now, Mr. Chairman, I ask that you again direct the witness to answer the question.

Mr. Walter: He has been directed to answer the question and he gave us the answer that we just do not accept.

Mr. Arens: Was Arnaud D'Usseau chairman of this meeting of Communist Party writers which took place in 1947 at which you were in attendance?

Mr. Miller: All I can say, sir, is that my conscience will not permit me to use the name of another person (Miller confers with his lawyer). And that my counsel advises me that there is no relevance between this question and the question of whether I should have a passport or there should be passport legislation in 1956.

Mr. Arens: Mr. Chairman, I respectfully suggest that the witness be ordered and directed to answer the question as to whether or not Arnaud D'Usseau – A-r-n-a-u-d. The last name is D-'-U-s-s-e-a-u – was chairman of the meeting of the Communist Party writers in New York City in 1947 at which you were in attendance.

Mr. Walter: You are directed to answer the question.

Mr. Miller: I have given you my answer, sir.

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Mr. Arer in 1947	ns: I ask you now, sir, whether or not Sue Warren was in attendance at this meeting of the Communist Party writers held in New York City?
Mr. Mille	er: I have given you my answer.
Harold V	/elde (HUAC member and former House Representative from Illinois): Do you know Sue Warren?
Mr. Jack	son: Did you decline to answer the question?
Mr. Mille	er: (Miller confers with his lawyer) I tell you, sir, that I have given my answer.
Mr. Jack question	son: I am not satisfied with that. That is entirely too vague. What I want is a positive statement as to whether or not you will answer that i.
Mr. Mille	er: (Miller confers with his lawyer) Sir, I believe I have given you the answer that I must give.
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Richard Nixon on Alger Hiss Case, Six Crises, 1962

The Hiss case taught the nation some major lessons, too, about the most effective methods for fighting Communism in the United States. Communism cannot be fought successfully by brushing off or ignoring the danger because of the small number of Communist Party members, or by concentrating solely on "removing the causes of Communism by making democracy work." The nation finally saw that the magnitude of the threat of Communism in the United States is multiplied a thousandfold because of its direct connection with and support by the massive power of the world Communist conspiracy centered in Moscow. But while we should not underestimate the danger, we also must not resort to Communist methods to fight Communism. We would then become little better than the Communists themselves-playing their game, by their rules. We must not be so blinded by the threat of Communism that we can no longer see the principles of freedom. The most effective weapon the Communists and their supporters use against their opponents is to complain of unfair play and abridgment of their civil liberties, in order to divert public attention from the charges being leveled against them. Even when the most impeccably correct procedures are used, they will cry "foul." When the investigators' conduct gives even a hint of unfair procedures, the Communists are able to make their accusers, rather than themselves, the issue. There is nothing more irresponsible than for the radicals of the right to make a racket of anti-Communism. By exaggerating and making charges they can't prove, they raise doubts as to the very real danger that Communist agents in the United States in fact present. On the other hand, it is just as irresponsible for the radicals of the left to pooh-pooh the danger of Communism at home by denying it exists, even in the face of facts like the Hiss case-thereby adding fuel to the fire of the demagogues on the right.

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