

Guided Reading Activity



The Cold War Begins, 1945–1960

Lesson 3 *The Cold War and American Society*

Review Questions: Identifying Supporting Details

DIRECTIONS: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: During the 1950s Americans lived with the fear of Communist infiltration of government agencies and other organizations.

1. **Detail:** The anti-Communist period known as the _____ began in _____ when a Soviet clerk defected with documents describing Soviet _____ of the United States and Canada.
2. **Detail:** President Truman developed a _____ to screen all federal employees. J. Edgar Hoover urged the _____ committee to hold hearings focused on the _____ industry. Anyone who was suspect was _____ by producers.
3. **Detail:** A New York couple, _____, was convicted of spying for the Soviet Union. Cryptographers working on _____ cracked the Soviet spy code.
4. **Detail:** Many state and local governments required employees to take _____. The _____ of 1947 required union leaders to testify that they were not Communists.

B. Main Idea: Senator Joseph McCarthy made sensational charges of communism directed at people at home and abroad, spreading fear throughout the United States.

1. **Detail:** In 1950 Congress passed the _____ which made it illegal to agree to perform any act which would contribute to the establishment of a _____.
2. **Detail:** McCarthy became chairman of the Senate subcommittee on _____. His tactics became known as _____. His downfall occurred in the year _____ when he targeted _____, the army's lawyer.
3. **Detail:** The Senate voted to _____ him, one of the most serious criticisms of a senator.

C. Main Idea: Fear of communism and nuclear war affected the lives of many ordinary citizens.

1. **Detail:** When the Soviets successfully tested the _____, many Americans were fearful of a(n) _____. Schools held _____ while families built _____ for protection.
2. **Detail:** McCarthyism, fears of _____, and nuclear war led to plays, television shows, dance tunes, and popular fiction containing Cold War _____.

Guided Reading Activity *Cont.*



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Summary and Reflection

DIRECTIONS: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How did the fear of communism shape life in the United States in the 1950s?
