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Questions about the McCarthy Era

Instructions: After watching the video, answer as many of the questions as possible. After your first attempt, go to the following Web sites for more information.

- BBC News' On This Day - Witness - Audiofile
http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/low/witness/august/7/newsid_2946000/2946420.stm
- National Geographic Interactive about the Salem Witch Trial
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/features/97/salem/>
- Secrets of the Dead - Crime Scene Investigations Meet History
http://www.pbs.org/wnet/secrets/case_salem/resources.html
- Why I Wrote The Crucible: An Artist's Answer to Politics by Arthur Miller
http://the_english_dept.tripod.com/miller.html

1. Who is Joseph McCarthy?

2. Who are the Hollywood Ten?

3. What are the parallels between the McCarthy Era and the Salem Witch Trials?

4. What are Arthur Miller's feelings about the political implications of the play?

5. What is Communism? Why was it so terrible to be associated with Communists?

6. What is the House Un-American Activities Committee? What was its role in the course of events of the McCarthy Era?