**Source:** “Red-Baiting and Careerism: Joseph McCarthy at Work”

1. How did Joseph McCarthy rise to power? Describe his tactics.
2. Why did McCarthy scare his opponents?
3. Why did many people support McCarthy?
4. What led to McCarthy’s downfall?
5. What conclusions can you draw about the US in the early 1950’s based on this document?

**Source:** “The Waldorf Statement”

1. What is this document? What does it do?
2. Why was this document written and issued to the public?
3. What would be the consequences of this document for people working in the film industry?
4. What conclusions can you draw about the US in the late 1940’s based on this document?

**Overall**

1. Based on these sources, what was life like in the US during the Cold War?
2. The 1950s have been called an “Age of Conformity.” (Conformity = a time when everyone tries to fit in, or be the same.) How did the Cold War lead to conformity?
3. Were Americans right to fear Communism to this extent? Explain.

**Source:** McCarthy Political Cartoons

1. What conclusions can you draw about the US in the early 1950’s based on these cartoons?