

The Rise and Fall of Joseph McCarthy

Activity #1: McCarthy's Accusations

Directions: Read the documents below. As you read, answer the following questions:

Question	Answer
What information did McCarthy cite to show that America was losing the war against Communism?	
Explain what McCarthy meant when he said "When a great democracy is destroyed, it will not be from enemies from without, but rather because of enemies from within."	
How did McCarthy describe the sorts of people engaged in "traitorous actions" in the United States?	
What did Truman mean when he claimed that McCarthy was an "asset" to the Kremlin?	
According to Truman, how did McCarthy fit in with the overall strategy of the Republican Party?	
Evaluate the five statements by the Republican senators. What was their purpose in issuing these statements?	
In your opinion, how did partisanship fighting between the Republicans and Democrats interfere with the issue at hand?	
How does the political cartoon by Herblock portray McCarthy? Why do you think he chose to portray McCarthy this way?	