Cold War Source Analysis

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Answer in RED

Germany

• What were the four sections of Germany? What city was divided up and what was built to divide it?

When was the Berlin Wall built? Why was it built?
When did it fall?

• What happened if someone tried to cross the wall?





Korea

Why did the US enter the Korean conflict? What were the two sides and what kind of government did each side want? What is the 38th parallel and what did it determine?

How did the US push back the North and give the South a chance? What happened when the US forces got too close to the Chinese border?

Is the Korean conflict over today?



A New Bomb

 When was this "new bomb" developed and what was it called? What makes it different from the atomic bombs used in WWII?

Look up "operation ivy mike" and where it was dropped/tested (group of islands). How far away is the photographer from the blast?

 What impact did the development of the H-bomb have on the arms race? On popular culture? On life at home?





Duck and Cover Drills

 Based on the turtle cartoon, what is the main message? Look to the other picture, where is the students "shelter?"

• Ball your hand up and hold it out in front of your face, stick your thumb up. They say that if the mushroom cloud is bigger than your thumb, your in danger, but if small your safe. How effective do you think a desk is againsts a thermonuclear blast? If it's not very effective, why do you think it was advised to people?



Second Red Scare/"McCarthyism"

 What was the Red Scare and what were they afraid of? Who was McCarthy? What did McCarthy claim he had?

 What did McCarthy accuse the suspected communists in the state department of doing?

 "A State Department spokesman promptly denied this...You can convince yourself of the falsity of the State Department claim." Based on these two sentences, what is the Senator doing? Was there any proof of wrongdoing by the suspects? What does the term "witch hunt" mean? "In the Lincoln Day speech at Wheeling Thursday night I stated that the State Department harbors a nest of Communists and Communist sympathizers who are helping to shape our foreign policy. I further stated that I have in my possession the names of 57 Communists who are in the State Department at present. A State Department spokesman promptly denied this, claiming that there is not a single Communist in the Department. You can convince yourself of the falsity of the State Department claim very easily. You will recall that you personally appointed a board to screen State Department employees for the purpose of weeding out fellow travelers—men whom the board considered dangerous to the security of this Nation. Your board did a painstaking job, and named hundreds which had been listed as dangerous to the security of the Nation, because of communistic connections."

- Jospeh McCarthy (1950) Wisconsin Senator