

*The Crucible*

Background on McCarthyism

Consult the following website and use the links there to answer the questions below:

<http://spartacus-educational.com/USAred.htm?menu=USA>

1. What is the **Alien Registration Act** and when was it passed?
2. Who was one of the first men to be arrested and imprisoned under the Alien Registration Act and why?
3. What types of evidence were used against the leaders of the American Communist Party in the trial against them?
4. What was the outcome of the trial?
5. What does **HUAC** stand for and what was its main objective?
6. What did the HUAC do in 1947?
7. Who were the **Hollywood Ten**? \*You don't need to list their individual names; explain who they were as a group.
8. What was *Red Channels* and why was it important?
9. How could a blacklisted person clear his/her name?
10. What knowledge did Senator **Joseph McCarthy** claim to have and why was this information important to the American people?
11. Where did McCarthy get much of his information?
12. Who were McCarthy's main targets?
13. How did McCarthy's investigation influence elections and what effect did that have?

14. What other groups did McCarthy target?
15. How was McCarthy's investigation eventually brought to an end?
16. Identify the following concerning **Elia Kazan**:
- a. In 1934, he joined the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. In 1947, he and others established the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. He directed many plays including Arthur Miller's \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ and Tennessee Williams'  
\_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. When questioned by the HUAC, Kazan named \_\_\_\_\_ people who had  
once been fellow members of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ was an attempt to justify the morality of  
providing information on friends to people in authority.
  - f. Kazan won two Academy Awards for best director of the films \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.