

**The Red Scare and McCarthyism
Historical Perspective Assignment**

WWII had just completed and the victors were setting up a new world order. Gone were the days when the British, French and Germans influenced world relations. Now there were two new kids on the block; the U.S. and the Soviet Union. The world was trying to get to the point where world armed conflict could not take place again. This would lead to all developed nations joining a new collective security organization, called the United Nations. However, this became quite a hypocritical event, as the two new superpowers, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, were on their way towards a new type of world struggle between two ideologies that were polar opposites to each other. This would lead to a culture of fear in many countries that resulted in some questionable government actions. The question that needs to be studied and answered for this assignment is this:

Was Senator Joseph McCarthy's hunt for communists within the United States government a responsible action at the time? Consider:

1. The climate of the day (political and ideological)

- a. **The Domino Theory**
- b. **The Korean War**
- c. **The Berlin Blockade**
- d. **The creation of NATO and the Warsaw Pact**
- e. **The Cominform**

Be sure to include evidence from past activities that will help you answer the question. Success on this assignment depends on your ability to discuss the idea of historical perspectives (how do the events of an era shape someone's actions). You must complete this assignment in a well written historical paragraph.

Due Date:

Marking Criteria: **Total:** **/25 marks**

	Does Not Meet Expectations 0-1	Somewhat Meets Expectations 2-3	Fully Meets Expectations 4	Exceeds Expectations 5
Background Information to the event	There is no background info present.	There is only a brief explanation of the background to the event presented.	Good amount of background information is present.	Excellent amount of background information is present.

Historical Paragraph Format	There is no topic sentence, information is not organized appropriately.	There is a topic sentence, however, not all evidence within the paragraph is used to defend the topic sentence, or the topic sentence is too weak to be defended.	There is a clear topic sentence and supporting evidence is organized effectively, however, the paragraph sometimes wavers from its topic sentence.	Topic sentence is crisp and concise and the evidence is organized in such a way that it influences the reader to side with the view point being presented.
Use of Evidence	No evidence used to support the position.	There is limited amount of evidence provided, but only some of it supports the position presented.	There is a good amount of evidence presented that does an adequate job of proving the accuracy of the position presented.	Evidence is used to prove without a doubt that the position presented is the only one worth believing.
Historical Perspective	Historical perspective is not considered or discussed.	There is a limited amount of discussion on how an individual's surroundings can lead to the event in question.	There is a good amount of discussion on the historical perspective of the event and why it is seen differently than it may have been in the past.	There is an excellent amount of discussion in regards to the historical perspective of the event.
Plausibility of Argument	Argument presented is not plausible.	Argument is somewhat plausible but is not developed enough to prove its accuracy.	Argument is plausible and there is a limited amount of discussion as to why it is so.	The paragraph has done an excellent job providing a highly plausible argument for the question being answered.