Salem Witch Trials and McCarthyism Web Quest

1. Answer the following questions using the websites listed below.
2. To search the websites press “Command” and then “F.” This will open a box that will allow you to search for key words etc.

Salem Witch Trial Questions:
Famous American Trials: Salem Witchcraft Trials 1692
1. What are standard procedures in a witchcraft trial?

2. Who is Tituba and what was she convicted of?

3. Who is John Proctor? What does he do for a living? What was he convicted of?

4. Who is John Hathorne related to? What was his role in the trials?

5. How many witches were hanged? Who were the first 6 to be hanged? How many men were hanged?

6. In what year did the governor grant the accused descendants compensation for being unfairly judged and hanged?

7. What are some of the events that Arthur Miller took liberty with when he wrote “The Crucible,” the play based on the Salem Witch Trials?

A Brief History of the Salem Witch Trials
1. The Salem Witch Trials followed in the wake of a witchcraft scare in what other continent? How many people were executed in this scare?
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2. What war caused displaced people to move into Essex and Salem villages (Northern New York)? What did this cause a strain on?

3. On February 29th, what three women were the first accused by the village girls?

4. What did Governor William Phipps set up on May 27, 1692 to judge the witchcraft cases?

5. What was Elizabeth Bishop’s response to being accused of witchcraft?

6. What is spectral evidence? Why would Cotton Mather’s ask for it to not be allowed as proof of guilt?

7. In 1711, what did the colony do to redress the wrongs that were done to the “witches”?

Salem Witchcraft Hysteria

1. After the torrent of questions because a young girl called you a “witch,” what are your two options?

2. If you say no, what happens to you? If you say yes, what happens to you?

3. The last page, begins with the verse from Ecclesiastes what?
4. What did Giles Corey die from?

5. What caused Governor William Phipps to suspend the Special Court of Oyer and Terminer?


7. In 1992, what did the city of Salem and the town of Danvers (originally Salem Village) do?

**McCarthyism/Red Scare Questions:**

**Arthur Miller: McCarthyism**

1. Throughout the 1940s to 1950s, Americans were concerned about what?

2. What is Joseph McCarthy’s job? How did this put in him a position to accuse people?

3. What was formed as a House committee in 1938 that gave McCarthy is platform to accuse people from?

4. What is the nickname for “the red scare” that people became paranoid about?

5. The paranoid hunt for infiltrators was very difficult for what groups of people in particular?
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6. How many artists were blacklisted (no longer allowed to practice or be sold in America)?

7. Who were two individuals in the press that were willing to strongly criticize and stand up to McCarthy?

8. In what year did the fervor finally wear down?

Red Scare
1. What were Communists often referred to as?

2. Who were the Russian leaders of the Soviet state?

3. Who is Mao Zedong? What country did he lead?

4. Who is Fidel Castro?

5. Who was the president during the majority of the Red Scare (late 1940s to early 1950s)?