

US History Lesson Plans for the week of 5/3/2010 – 5/7/10

Monday 5/3/2010

Warm-up: Look at the picture on page 629. Then recall what you know about communism and the Red Scare. Write down what you think happened to people accused of being Communist by Joseph McCarthy.

Activities:

1. Read pages 628 – 637
2. Identify the causes of the conservative backlash that followed World War II
 - People were sick of Democrats and change interference in family life
 - People resented shortages in jobs, houses, and goods
 - People began to fear the spread of communism
 - Prices shot up
3. What happens when one party controls the Congress and the other holds the presidency?

Taft-Hartley Bill

- +Republicans want Labor reigned in by not allowing the closed shop, labor forced to live up to contract
- +Truman who hadn't supported unions, but did on this bill
- +Congress passes, Truman vetoes, and Congress overrides
- + Legacy of Taft-Hartley was that labor supported Democrats

3. What were the issues in the 1948 election and who ran for the two Parties?

Issues

Civil Rights
Truman is disliked
The Red Scare
Social Security
Minimum wage
Public Housing
National Medical insurance
Public power projects
Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act

Truman Democrat (Strom Thurmond Henry Wallace both were Dixiecrats)

Whistle stop campaign

Fair Deal

Successes

SS expanded, Housing Act of 1949

Failures

Civil rights

Spread of Communism

Corruption in his administration

Thomas E. Dewey Republican

Dapper but didn't have the charisma. Never mentioned Truman

The election was close and the newspapers predicted Dewey's defeat of Truman

4. Why was inflation a problem after the war?
5. Why did Truman's chances seem slim in the 1948 election?
6. What effect did the confrontational actions of the 80th Congress have on Truman?

7. Read pages 638 – 647 and prepare for a quiz

Tuesday 5/4/2010

Warm-up: Why did the supposed Communist takeover in Mosinee, Wisconsin cause such a national stir?

Activities:

1. What are the causes and effects surround the rise of anti-Communist sentiment and the phenomenon of McCarthyism?
 - a. Soviet atomic bomb
 - b. The House Un-American Activities Committee
Truman's Federal Employee Loyalty Program and the McCarran Act
3 million investigated
3 thousand forced to resign
212 were fired
 - c. HUAC worked on rooting out spies
Nixon and his cross examination of Alger Hiss ruined Hiss and made Nixon
Hiss was Harvard law grad, pres of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New Dealer, Law clerk for Oliver Wendell Holmes
No real information was found against Hiss until the pumpkin patch
Convicted of perjury not spying served 3 years
 - d. The hey day for Communist was during the depression but was dwindling
 - e. Ethel and Julius Rosenberg Case spying for the Soviets atomic bomb
Put to death
2. What are some of the effects of blacklisting on American society?
McCarthy list of the names of 205 communists working in the State Department
Why was he successful?
Used fear
Used TV
Used intimidation and accusations
Had public support
Became the leader of the Senate subcommittee
McCarthy's fall happened as a result of his attacking the US Army and the Senate condemns McCarthy

Other watchdog groups existed usually vigilante in nature

Hollywood was the target of much of the communist vigilantism like
AWARE

John Henry Faulk fought against blacklisting

3. What was the significance of the Hiss case?
4. What evidence did McCarthy have to support his charges?
5. How did politicians show they were not soft on communism?
6. Read pages 648-651 and do the questions

Wednesday 5/5/2010

Warm-up: Why are war heroes sought after to be presidents so often?

Activities:

1. Read pages 652 – 657
2. Describe Dwight D. Eisenhower and his popularity
Republican
Innocent smile
Not fist pounder
War hero
No political controversy
Organized
Efficient
Determined
Consensus decision-making

1952 election between Adlai Stevenson and Dwight D. Eisenhower
Stevenson sophisticated eloquent speaker and liberal
Eisenhower was noncontroversial, fatherly and had Nixon the
anticommunist as his running mate some controversy and the Checkers speech

Eisenhower's accomplishments
Hydroelectric and nuclear power
Atomic energy Act
NASA
Ends Korean Conflict
32 billion on highways
Extended social security
Unemployment compensations
Raise in minimum wage
Federally financed housing
St Lawrence Seaway

Eisenhower's failures
Cold War expands

The 1960 election

Nixon versus Kennedy
Nixon was VP Republican Californian self-made man, Protestant

Kennedy was young, new to politics, rich, powerful family, handsome,
war hero, Catholic

TV affects election so does Nixon's whistle stop campaign

Issues

Cuba

Vietnam

International affairs

It was a close election 49.7 to 49.5 percent

Why did Eisenhower choose Nixon as his running mate?

Thursday 5/6/2010

Do pages 568 – 569 Chapter review and ready yourself for a test on Monday