Aim: How did the Cold War affect Americans on the Homefront?

The Cold War at Home
What was the Cold War?
What were the Cold War Fears of Americans?

- Nuclear War
- Impact of atomic testing
- Communist subversion – influence in Government, important industries
The Day After

• The Day After (Attack Segment) - YouTube
Civil Defense Film

- YouTube - Survival Under Atomic Attack 1950
THEM

- YouTube - 1954 Them! – Trailer
He May Be a Communist

- YouTube - He May Be a Communist
• YouTube - Invasion of the Body Snatchers – Trailer
FEAR OF NUCLEAR WAR
Atomic Cafe

- YouTube - The Atomic Cafe
Duck and Cover

• YouTube - Duck and Cover
• YouTube - Atomic Cafe - Bomb Shelters
• YouTube - Living in a Fallout Shelter Pt. 1
The Communist Witch Hunt
Subversion
• An attempt to overthrow a government by persons working secretly from within.

Espionage
• the practice of spying or of using spies, typically by governments to obtain political and military information.
Edward R. Murrow v. Joseph McCarthy

- YouTube - Edward R Murrow vs Joe McCarthy
- YouTube - Sen. Joseph McCarthy on "See it Now" - Part 1
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQQaX2h1plo
The 2nd Red Scare

Fear of communist influence in the U.S. following WWII

- **McCarthyism (1950-1954)** - Joseph McCarthy claimed a vast Communist network in government
  - The reputations of many people were ruined by false accusations of disloyalty.
- **House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC)** – investigated people & organizations in the entertainment industry
  - **Blacklisting** – lists of individuals whose loyalty was suspect
    - **Hollywood Ten** – accused of Communism and fired
- **Execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg** - the Rosenberg’s were executed in the U.S. for being Soviet spies.
HUAC AND THE HOLLYWOOD TEN
The Rosenberg Trial
INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS
The original nightmare that threatened the world
4. According to these photographs, what impact did the Rosenberg trial have on American society?
Cover all doors, windows and vents with 2-4 mil. thick plastic sheeting

Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet

Duct tape plastic at corners first, then tape down all edges
Nuclear States

• United States – 1945
• Russia – 1949
• Britain – 1952
• France – 1960
• China – 1964
• India – 1974
• Israel – 1979
• Pakistan – 1998
• North Korea – 2006
• South Africa -1980 (Disassembled, early 90s)
He named names

- [YouTube - Elia Kazan receiving an Honorary Oscar®](YouTube - Elia Kazan receiving an Honorary Oscar®)
McCarthy Hearings

- YouTube - Welch versus Joseph McCarthy 2-2
First H Bomb Test

• **YouTube - Nuclear Bomb - First H Bomb test**