**FINAL ASSIGNMENT: VIDEO GUIDE QUESTIONS**

**Answer each question; turn in by 25 May.**

**WEDNESDAY: “The Cold War: Reds 1947-1953”**

1. According to the narrator, what did the United States and Soviet Union BOTH use to fight the Cold War?
2. Whom did both countries target with this “weapon?”
3. In 1947, for what reason did the House Un-American Committee (HUAC) investigate entertainment personnel?
4. Who were the Hollywood 10, and for what reason did they earn this negative designation?
5. Who was Alger Hiss, and of what was he accused?
6. In the Alger Hiss investigation, what was the significance of the pumpkin patch in Maryland?
7. Why did American citizens riot during an appearance of singer Paul Robeson?
8. What two earth-shattering events caused Republicans to accuse Harry Truman and the Democrats of being soft on communism?
9. Who was Joseph McCarthy, and why was he a controversial figure?
10. To what does the term “McCarthyism” refer?
11. What does the narrator mean when he claims that J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI mirrored communist practices?
12. Who were Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and for what reason were they notorious?
13. Why was the final disposition of the Rosenberg case controversial?
14. What is the *gulag*?
15. In what way did Joseph Stalin implement total obedience, solidarity, and control over the Soviet system and people?

**THURSDAY: “The Cold War: Sputnik 1949-1961”**

1. Who was Klaus Fuchs, and why was he at the center of a Cold War controversy?
2. What was the basis of Robert Oppenheimer’s opposition to the development of a thermonuclear (hydrogen) bomb?
3. What was the significance of Operation Ivy?
4. For what reason did President Dwight D Eisenhower (1952-1960) and his Secretary of State John Foster Dulles want to build a nuclear arsenal?
5. For what reason did the government create the Civil Defense program?
6. What was the purpose of Fallout Shelters and the strategy of “Duck and Cover?”
7. What was Eisenhower’s desire for an Open Skies policy with the Soviets? What was Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev’s response?
8. Why did the United States fear the existence of a “bomber gap” with the Soviets?
9. What was the U-2, and in what way did it settled the question of the existence of a bomber gap?
10. What was Sputnik, and for what reason was it deemed a threat to the national security of the US?
11. Why was the first US attempt at launching an Earth-orbit satellite labeled “Flopnik” by the press?
12. In what way did the success of the Soviet Sputnik program affect American education?
13. Why were Americans paranoid over the existence of a “missile gap,” and how did Sputnik contribute to it?
14. Who was Francis Gary Powers, and what circumstance caused him to endanger the US-Soviet relationship, and why did the episode cause Khrushchev to storm out of the Paris Summit conference?
15. Who was Yuri Gagarin, and why did his achievement result in the initiation of yet another “race” between the Soviet Union and United States? What was this race?

**FRIDAY: “The Atomic Café”**

1. What was “Trinity?”
2. What/who were the *Enola Gay* and Paul Tibbetts, and what was the reason behind their fame (or infamy?)
3. NOTE: The soldier walking across the bridge drawing a chalk outline is tracing what is left of a human being who was vaporized by the atomic blast at Hiroshima. Nothing left but a shadow.
4. PEACE! Note the images of American values and prosperity:
   1. What occurred at Bikini Atoll on 30 June 1946 that indicated the United States’ devotion to the protection and preservation of these ideals?
5. What 3 myths concerning the sea-born atomic explosion were addressed and disposed of by Vice Admiral Blaney?
6. When the Marshall Island interpreter and King Judah address the islanders, what does the presence of a television film crew tell you about the true purpose of the address?
7. What was unusual and alarming about the social experiment conducted in Mosinee, Wisconsin in 1950?
8. NOTE: Notice the various forms of anti-communist propaganda.
9. When Dwight Eisenhower expresses his thoughts about “the practical idealism that built America” that the narrator comments “turned back the clock,” to what is he referring?
10. Which event that occurred in August 1949 prompted Senator McMahon to comment that “This is no tome for hysteria, this is no time for panic?”
11. Regarding the Korean War: The war seemed to be well in hand for a United Nations/American victory until wat happened that resulted in a mass US/UN retreat?
12. How does Senator Owen claim that the Soviets were able to build an atomic bomb?
13. In Eisenhower’s speech what are the three parts “of the strength of America . . . that the world calls unbelievable?”
    1. The video montage shown during this speech implies that WHAT lies beneath the post-World War II success of the United States?
14. To what is Eisenhower referring when he alludes to that which indicates “how far the advances of science have outraced our social conscious?”
15. Why did the Japanese people to have to confiscate and destroy freshly caught fish after the Castle Bravo event?
16. AWKWARD MOMENT: When discussion the effects of radioactivity on human beings to soldiers at Camp Desert Rock, what does the Army captain state that soldiers should not be concerned if they fall victim to gamma ray radiation?
17. Why were the people of St. George, Utah, ordered to go indoors and remain there?
18. What was the point behind the government’s criticism of the “worry to death ratio” fallacy?
19. What was the message of Bert the Turtle?
20. Regarding the capacity of underground bomb shelters, what does the priest suggest every head of the family should have to ensure his family’s security in the case of strangers?
21. The final sequence showing a nuclear attack simulation was 100% serious when recorded and broadcast in 1955. Although somewhat humorous to us today, at the time it caused panic and hysteria. Such is the price of paranoia.