

★ Guided Reading Activity 21-3

DIRECTIONS: Identifying Supporting Details Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

☑ Main Idea: As the Cold War intensified in 1946 and 1947, Americans began to fear that Communists were secretly working to subvert the American government.

1. **Detail:** _____ is the effort to secretly weaken a society and overthrow its government.
2. **Detail:** FBI Director _____ urged the _____, formed in 1938 to investigate Communist and fascist activities in the United States, to hold public hearings on Communist subversion.
3. **Detail:** In 1948 _____ admitted he had been a Communist courier between 1934 and 1937, and he claimed that several government officials had been Communists or _____ at that time.
4. **Detail:** _____, a New York couple who were members of the Communist Party, were charged with heading a Soviet spy ring that was passing on government secrets.
5. **Detail:** In 1946 American _____ working for a project code-named _____ cracked the Soviet spy code of the time.

☑ Main Idea: In February 1950, a little-known Wisconsin senator, Joseph R. McCarthy, announced that he could produce a list of 205 Communists in the State Department.

6. **Detail:** McCarthy distributed a booklet called _____, which accused _____ leaders of corruption and of protecting Communists.
7. **Detail:** The McCarran Act allowed, in case of a national emergency, the _____ of Communists and Communist sympathizers.
8. **Detail:** In 1954 the Senate passed a vote of _____ against McCarthy.

☑ Main Idea: Fear of communism and of atomic war dominated life for ordinary Americans as well as for government leaders in the 1950s.

9. **Detail:** Already upset by the first Soviet _____ in 1949, Americans were shocked when the USSR tested the much more powerful _____ in 1953.
10. **Detail:** According to experts, for every person killed outright by a nuclear blast, four more would die later from _____—the _____.

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