

Directions: You will have two nights to read and outline the reading on McCarthyism. You will use your reading and outline to write an essay in class that will count as a test grade.

Task: Using the reading on McCarthyism and your knowledge of social studies write a well crafted essay that includes an introduction with a thesis statement which takes a strong position on the following issue:

- Read the testimony of Lionel Stander included below. Create a thesis with a strong position detailing whether you agree or disagree with Stander's portrayal of the HUAC committee and senator Joseph McCarthy.
- Include an outline of the reading which you will use to help write the essay. The outline will count as a quiz grade and a homework grade.

Include a well crafted thesis statement that takes a strong position.
Include facts, details and examples to support your thesis.
Include a conclusion that both restates the thesis and summarizes your essay.
Include relevant outside information to support your argument.

Testimony of Lionel Stander

No one's 1951 HUAC testimony was more bold than actor Lionel Stander's. Stander exasperated the committee's senators and attorneys. Stander pointed to HUAC itself as a "subversive" activity and his testimony drew laughter from the observers:

Standar: *I know of some subversion, and can help the committee if it is really interested.*

Velde: (HUAC member): *Mr. Stander-*

Standar: *I know of a group of fanatics who are desperately trying to undermine the Constitution of the United States by depriving artists and others of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness without due process of the law. If you are interested in that, I would like to tell you about it. I can tell names, I can cite instances, and I am one of the first victims of it, and if you are interested in that...*

Velde: *No, Mr. Stander, let me-*

Standar: *And these people are engaged in the conspiracy outside all the legal processes to undermine our very fundamental American concepts upon which our entire system of jurisprudence (legal system) exists-*

Velde: *Now, Mr. Stander-*

Standar: *-and who also-*

Velde: *Let me tell you this: you are a witness before this committee-*

Standar: *Well, if you are interested-*

Velde: *-a committee of the Congress of the United States-*

Standar: *But I am willing to tell you-*

Velde: *-and you are in the same position as any other witness-*

Standar: *I am willing to tell you about these activities-*

Velde: *-regardless of your standing in the motion picture world-*

Standar: *-which I think are subversive...*