Fear and Fallout

Sort Cold War inquiries from their effects on people.

USH.C.6.2 "Describe domestic events related to the Cold War and its aftermath. Summarize the reasons for the public fear of communist influence within the United States of America and how politicians capitalized on this fear..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

INQUIRY OR CLAIM	PERSONAL COST
An inquiry seeks information about possible communist activity. A claim publicly alleges that such activity happened. Neither is a punishment by itself. In 1947, President Truman ordered loyalty checks for federal workers.	A personal cost is a lost job, freedom, or life following an allegation or conviction. Sort the event by what happened, not by whether the person was guilty. A teacher lost a school position because of suspicion about political beliefs.

1 SORT

8 items

For each numbered event, circle INQUIRY or COST, then pick two events and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1.	The FBI investigated Alger Hiss for suspected spying.	INQUIRY COST
2.	Alger Hiss served a prison sentence for perjury.	INQUIRY COST
3.	HUAC questioned Hollywood writers about possible communist ties.	INQUIRY COST
4.	McCarthy accused the Army of sheltering communists during televised hearings.	INQUIRY COST
5.	Hollywood studios denied jobs to people on the blacklist.	INQUIRY COST
6.	Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed after espionage convictions.	INQUIRY COST
7.	Senators questioned McCarthy and Army officials during the Army-McCarthy hearings.	INQUIRY COST
8.	The FBI investigated Julius Rosenberg on suspicion of spying.	INQUIRY COST

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example of an INQUIRY and one new example of a COST.

INQUIRY _____

COST _____

CHALLENGE

Choose two sorted events about the same person and explain in two sentences why an inquiry and a personal cost are not the same thing.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The FBI investigated Alger Hiss for suspected spying.	**INQUIRY**	An FBI investigation sought information about suspected espionage.
2	Alger Hiss served a prison sentence for perjury.	**COST**	Imprisonment was a consequence of his perjury conviction, not an espionage conviction.
3	HUAC questioned Hollywood writers about possible communist ties.	**INQUIRY**	The committee questioned people about suspected political ties.
4	McCarthy accused the Army of sheltering communists during televised hearings.	**INQUIRY**	McCarthy made a public accusation.
5	Hollywood studios denied jobs to people on the blacklist.	**COST**	Being denied work was a personal and professional consequence.
6	Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed after espionage convictions.	**COST**	Execution was a consequence of their convictions.
7	Senators questioned McCarthy and Army officials during the Army-McCarthy hearings.	**INQUIRY**	The senators' questioning sought information about the dispute.
8	The FBI investigated Julius Rosenberg on suspicion of spying.	**INQUIRY**	The FBI investigation sought evidence of suspected espionage.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **INQUIRY**: Investigators interviewed a government employee about possible communist contacts.
- **COST**: An actor lost a radio role after an accusation of communist ties.

Challenge: The FBI investigated Alger Hiss for suspected spying, which was an inquiry rather than a verdict. Hiss later served prison time for perjury, a personal cost of that conviction, not a conviction for spying.

Items 1 and 2 make a useful pair for Part 2 because they distinguish an espionage investigation from a perjury conviction. Items 3 and 5 connect HUAC's questions to the Hollywood blacklist.