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GUILTY BY SUSPICION 1990 Robert De Niro, Annette Bening 105Min. PG-13 This film provides an opportunity to consider the constitutional and ethical issues surrounding the Red Scare of the 1950s. Because the film assumes a extensive knowledge of the early years of the Cold War, a careful examination of this period is necessary before viewing.			
 1951, Washington D.C.; HUAC hearing. Director's Credit. 5:00 David Merrill returns from Europe and witnesses the burning of blacklisted books. 11:00 Daryl Zanuck refers Merrill to a lawyer in order to clear his name. 16:00 Merrill meets with the lawyer but refuses to testify before the committee. 25:00 Merrill is blacklisted. 30:00 Blacklisted director gives reasons why he is leaving the country. 45:00 Merrill looks for work in New York; followed by the FBI. 1:08:00 Merrill is fired from directing job after being labeled a communist 1:12:00 Merrill meets with his lawyer to discuss his options. 1:24:00 	The Seminar Sequence for this movie allows students to consider Freedom of Speech within the context national security. The research topics will provide a background to facilitate this discussion. Seminar Questioning Sequence: What would be examples of un- American activities? What would be examples of seditious activities? When does the right to Freedom of Speech end and un-American and seditious behavior begin? Why have two "red scares" occurred following world wars. Should sedition during war-time be treated differently from sedition during peace-time?	House Committee on Un-American Activities Sedition Communism Capitalism/Free Enterprise Alien and Sedition Act Ex Parte Miligan Schenk v. United States Internal Security Act	

Merrill testifies before the HUAC Hearing.	

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