



Words/Terms Related to the Word Scramble for “Blacklisted” *(TEACHER COPY)

Cold War

The state of political hostility that existed between the Soviet bloc countries and the U.S.-led Western powers from 1945 to 1990

Stalin

General secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union 1922–53; His large-scale purges of highly educated people as a group, especially when regarded as possessing cultural and political influence, in the 1930s were ruthless.

Marshall plan

A program of financial aid and other initiatives, sponsored by the U.S., designed to boost the economies of Western European countries after World War II.

Anti-Communism / Anti-Communist feelings

Opposed to communism and involvement with the Communist Party

HUAC: House Un-American Activities Committee

A zealous committee of the U.S. House of Representatives established in 1938 to investigate people who were suspected of wanting to undermine the power and authority of the established system.

Interrogate

To aggressively ask questions of someone, especially as suspect

Communist / Communism / Communist Party – (As it relates to the text, “Blacklisted”)

Communists believed that in order to have happiness and prosperity for all, the distinctions between the rich and poor of society must be eliminated and they were willing to use violent means to attain their goals. They opposed individual rights and wanted absolute government control. Many people in the entertainment field joined the communist party in their youth, thinking a classless society and total social equality were good ideas – but later learned how oppressive the leaders were and got out. During the time these screenwriters and actors were blacklisted, the Soviet Union was our enemy. People were in frenzy and wanted to blacklist everyone with any ties to the Communist Party.

Progressive

Describes a group/person that favors social reform or new, liberal ideas. People in the Communist Party were against anyone with liberal ideas.

Blacklist/blacklisted

A list of people viewed with suspicion or disapproval. Actors and screenwriters were blacklisted.

Fifth Amendment

No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.

***Teacher Note:** Refer to the background notes for “The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street”
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Word Scramble

What is the relationship between these words? Connect what you can to make accurate statements.

Cold War

1947

Stalin

Marshall Plan

Anti-Communism / Anti-Communist feelings

United States

Soviet Union

HUAC: House Un-American Activities Committee

Prominent Hollywood Actors and Directors

interrogated

Communist / Communism / Communist Party

progressive

blacklist / blacklist

Fifth Amendment