

07001

ERA 7: THE EMERGENCE OF MODERN AMERICA (1890–1930)
THEMES: AMERICAN DIVERSITY, POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP

THE GREAT RED SCARE

GUIDING QUESTIONS

How are your civil liberties challenged during national emergencies?

Can the government protect us without putting any limits on individual liberty?

QUESTION FOCUS EXAMPLES FOR TASK 24

National Security is worth giving up civil liberties.



Since the Russian Revolution, the hammer and sickle have come to represent various communist parties and socialist states.

SANDOR PINZELHELY, HAMMER AND SICKLE

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER

This unit must be handled very carefully as the nature of the topic tends to inspire many people to abandon balanced judgment and embrace the diatribe. Students must be reminded of the inherent tensions within the “American system” of government—individual liberty vs. majority rule and the need to protect the individual citizen and the nation. There is, obviously, no easy foolproof solution to the problems presented by these tensions. The Red Scare of 1919-20 provides an excellent arena in which to wrestle with this problem and unfortunately, due to recent events, is particularly relevant in the contemporary United States. Also consider defining civil rights and civil liberties.

LITERATURE CONNECTION: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

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- ❖ **Sailor Wounds Pageant Spectator Disrespectful to Flag**—*Washington Post* May 7, 1919 DOCUMENT
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RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

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make history