

Atomic Café Worksheet – Complete the following questions as you view the video.

- 1) Where did the first test of an atomic bomb take place? What was the name of the test?

- 2) Who was the commander of the Enola Gay? How did he describe the bombing of Hiroshima?

- 3) What did President Harry S. Truman say it would take before the US would stop dropping atomic bombs on Japan?

- 4) How did Captain Beahan describe his experience of dropping the atomic bomb on Nagasaki?

- 5) What did Paul Tibbets say happened to him after the bombing of Hiroshima?

- 6) What was Bikini Atoll used for?

- 7) What happened to the natives of Bikini?

- 8) What did the film say had descended upon Eastern Europe, which “divided” Europe into a democratic Western Europe and a communist Eastern Europe?

- 9) What kind of social experiment had taken place in the town of Mosinee, Wisconsin?

- 10) What occurred in 1950? Which countries were involved in this action?

- 11) What did President Truman say was under consideration due to the outbreak of the Korean War?

- 12) What did Representative Lloyd Bentsen propose regarding the conduct of the Korean War?

- 13) What question did the committee member at the HUAC hearing ask of the man testifying? How did the man respond?

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- 14) What was Richard Nixon holding in his hands in the film? Where did he say the material came from?

- 15) Why were Julius and Ethel Rosenberg unique as American civilians? What type of execution did they receive?

- 16) How did President Eisenhower try to reassure the American people with respect to nuclear fears? What was his vision for America?

- 17) What dramatic event took place on August 19, 1953? How did this relate to the discussion that was taking place on live TV during the Longines Chronoscope Hour featuring Governor Val Peterson? (Side note: Val Peterson was the Governor of Nebraska)

- 18) What did Senator Lyndon Johnson say Americans were going to have to get used to?

- 19) How did the Army trainer at the Troop Test Smokey explain the seriousness and the effects of nuclear radiation? How were the individuals involved supposedly protected?

- 20) How did the US Government try to downplay the risks associated with nuclear radiation?

- 21) What was the primary method of self protection that the US Government promoted in its Civil Defense film featuring "Bert the Turtle"? How effective would this method be in a nuclear attack, in your opinion?

- 22) What was the "Kitchen Debate"? Who were the primary participants? What subject did they discuss?

- 23) How did the man emerging from a bomb shelter in the film tell the interviewer he was going to survive if Los Angeles were destroyed in a nuclear attack? Does this seem reasonable to you?

- 24) How did Vice President Richard Nixon describe the readiness of US defenses?

- 25) In the final scenes of the film, how long did the fictional father say the family would have to wait after an atomic explosion to "take a look around" above ground? Does this seem long enough to you?