Fear Part I Tips/Expansion

Use this helpful guide when you are completing Part I of the Fear Project. Make sure to follow the questions and the tips here to achieve maximum efficiency.

1. Explain your topic and how it relates to fear.
   **Tip:** Describe the background of the time period. What is going on in America that leads up to the event? Explain your topic! (one paragraph)

   **Tip:** Relate your topic to fear. What were people afraid of? Other people? Countries? Events? Ideas? What? (1 paragraph)

2. What other events/circumstances were going on in the US or the world to make Americans afraid?
   **Tip:** Events or circumstances are both in the US and in the world. Put specific date(s) down—find other events near that date and ask yourself: are these events related? Connected? If so, how?

3. The fear during the event caused people to be victimized. Who were the victims? Why were they targeted? What happened to them? Were the victims’ actions responsible for causing the fear?
   **Tip:** Victim: a person/thing that is harmed/damaged by the actions and/or inactions of another person or thing.

4. Groups and/or individuals used the fear to advance their agenda(s) or to take advantage of the situation. What group or individual was it who took advantage of the situation? Then explain how that group or individual used the event to do at least three of the following:
   - Harass and weaken opposition
   - Settle grudges
   - Gain/maintain power or popularity
   **Tip:** There are two sides to every issue. Write down BOTH sides to your issue. What do they want from this issue? Why?

5. How did the event come to an end?
   **Tip:** Did the event really “end?” Is it still an issue today in 2012? Was there a “resolution” to the problem/issue/conflict? If so, what is the resolution?

6. Were the actions and responses to your event equal to the level of threat your event caused?
   **Tip:** What was the “threat?” Was the response to the threat too much? Did the response go too far? Could the situation have been handled differently? If so, how?