STANFORD HISTORY EDUCATION GROUP

READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



Palmer Raids (11.5.2)

Background:

During the Palmer Raids, Justice Department officials conducted raids against suspected anarchists and radical leftists. As a result over 500 foreign citizens were deported among them were many leaders of the leftist movement.

Prompt:

What caused the Palmer Raids?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis is response to the prompt.
- Explain what evidence in the documents led you to this conclusion.
- Be certain to cite at least four pieces of evidence from the documents that support your thesis.