

## SOAPSTone TEACHER'S GUIDE

SOAPSTone	Lucille Ball	Edward Dmytryk	Paul Robeson	Pete Seeger
<b>Who are the SPEAKERS?</b>	Lucille Ball and William Wheeler	Edward Dmytryk, John S. Wood, Donald L. Jackson, Frank S. Tavenner, Jr.	Paul Robeson, Milton Friedman, Francis E. Walter, Gordon H. Scherer, Richard Arens	Pete Seeger, Paul L. Ross, Francis E. Walter, Gordon H. Scherer, Frank S. Tavenner, Jr.
<b>What is the OCCASION?</b>	Ball's testimony before Wheeler on September 4, 1953	Dmytryk's testimony before HUAC on April 15, 1951	Robeson's testimony before HUAC on June 12, 1956	Seeger's testimony before HUAC on August 18, 1955
<b>Who is the AUDIENCE?</b>	HUAC Investigator William Wheeler (and ultimately HUAC and the American public who read the testimony later on)	HUAC and the American public	HUAC and the American public	HUAC and the American public
<b>What is the PURPOSE?</b>	Ball explained to HUAC why she registered to vote as a Communist in 1936.	After serving time in jail, Dmytryk decided to avoid the blacklist by naming names of other communists he knew.	HUAC asked him to explain why he refused to sign a non-Communist affidavit while applying for a passport.	HUAC asked him about several performances he gave at Communist Party events.
<b>What is the SUBJECT?</b>	Communism, voter registration, Ball's family, Criminal Syndicalism Act	Hollywood Ten, contempt of Congress, Communist Party, Screen Actors' Guild	Passports, Communist Party, Fifth Amendment, racism	Folk music, WWII, <i>Daily Worker</i> , Communist Party

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<p><b>What is the TONE?</b></p>	<p>Ball pretends to be absentminded like her character on <i>I Love Lucy</i>. She acts as if she doesn't know about Communism and only registered to please her grandpa. Wheeler remains patient and respectful and takes time to explain things to her.</p>	<p>Dmytryk is a "friendly witness." He cooperates with investigators and is detailed in his recollections of the time he spent with other communists. The committee treated him respectfully, and Mr. Wood thanked Dmytryk for his cooperation.</p>	<p>Robeson is an "unfriendly witness." He refuses to name names and pleads the Fifth Amendment when asked questions. He is angered by the attempts made by HUAC members to ask personal questions about his political leanings and past actions. He criticizes HUAC members for their racist attitudes. The committee is hostile toward him, and members berate Robeson throughout the hearing. They refuse to let him read the statement he has prepared.</p>	<p>Seeger is an "unfriendly witness." He refuses to admit if he sang at Communist Party events, and he implies that the government has no business asking him about his political and religious beliefs. The committee members are hostile toward him. Chairman Walter ignores Seeger's request to justify his actions.</p>
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