



Truman and MacArthur (11.9.3)

Background:

After early successes in Korea led by General Douglas MacArthur, UN forces were thrown back deep into South Korea when China entered the war. General MacArthur called for a widening of the war into China and for the use of atomic weapons. President Truman refused and an ensuing public argument between the two began. In April 1951 Truman relieved MacArthur of his command for insubordination.

Prompt:

How did Americans respond to President Truman's decision to fire General MacArthur?

Task:

In a well-thought out essay:

- Write a thesis in response to the prompt.
- Be certain to cite at least five pieces of evidence from the documents and additional research on Americans views of President Truman and General MacArthur.
- Explain how the evidence in these documents and your research led you to this conclusion.