KQED Graphic Organizer

When answering writing prompts, you may use this outline to structure your essay.

In the 1940s and 1950s, many of those who spoke out against the US government and the living conditions in the United States were labeled as "Communists" - whether or not they believed in a communism. (Many people even considered Martin Luther King, Jr. a communist.) This label was terribly damaging, and it sought to discount the people and their ideas. Do you see similar kinds of labeling/name calling today? (Some examples might be Arabs and Muslims as terrorists, Japanese as camera-carrying tourists or teens as gang members) If so, where do you witness it and in what form? Why do you think this occurs?

