

Journal #4a & 4b



During World War II, when the United States was at war with Japan, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066. This order gave the U.S. military the power to exclude U.S. citizens of Japanese descent from areas of the country believed to be critical to national defense and potentially vulnerable to espionage, or spying. Using the power of Executive Order 9066, the U.S. military then issued a series of its own orders, including Civilian Exclusion Order No. 34, that banned all persons of Japanese ancestry from an area on the west coast of the United States stretching from Washington State through California.



The military orders like Exclusion Order No. 34 forced Japanese Americans to leave their homes and businesses on the west coast and relocate to internment camps. All citizens of Japanese descent were expected to submit to relocation and to remain in the camps until the end of the war.

Fred Korematsu, an American-born citizen of Japanese descent, defied Exclusion Order No. 34 and refused to leave his home in California. In 1942, Korematsu was convicted in federal court for failing to report for relocation to an internment camp. He appealed the federal court conviction and his case reached the Supreme Court in 1944.



The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 majority, agreed with the earlier federal court ruling and upheld Korematsu's conviction.

Justice Black wrote the opinion for the majority of the court. **Justice Murphy** wrote one of the three dissenting opinions.

Analyze how the two texts agree and disagree on the right of the government to relocate Americans of Japanese descent during a time of war. Use what you have learned from reading the majority opinion of the court, written by Justice Black, and the minority opinion, written by Justice Murphy, to create a plan (an outline with a **thesis**, **topic sentences**, and **relevant evidence**) for an essay that compares and contrasts how both texts address the Korematsu case.

*Title a fresh page of your journal as "4a", and - below - identify who you worked with on the Black/Murphy outline. Use your previous work to cook up some analytical claims:

Main Idea #1: Both Justices agree that *Korematsu v. United States* raises questions of A, but Justice Black believes that A.i while Justice Murphy argues that A.ii.

Main Idea #2: Justice Black and Murphy also interpret B in starkly different terms although they both acknowledge X. In the majority opinion, Black suggests that B.i while in his dissent, Murphy states that B.ii.

Main Idea #3: Further distinctions can be made between the two opinions on the matter of C. As part of his opinion, Black writes that C.i, yet Murphy asserts that C.ii.

Thesis: Although Justice Black and Justice Murphy both acknowledge X in the Korematsu case, their opinions clearly disagree with regard to issues of A, B, and C in the case.

* Title yet another fresh page "4b". Reflect for a bit - in first person - on your time studying this court case.