Common Core Argumentative Writing Assignment

Civil Liberties v. National Security

The debate between national security and civil rights continues to this day.

In 2005, Fred Korematsu stated, “There are Arab Americans today who are going through what Japanese Americans experienced years ago, and we can’t let that happen again. I met someone years ago who had never heard of the roundup of Japanese Americans. It’s been sixty years since this happened, and it’s happening again, and that’s why I continue to talk about what happened to me.”

**Directions**: Using the video segments from *Liberty Under Law: The Robert H. Jackson Story*, Executive Order 9066, the Fred Korematsu testimonials, and the opinions of Justices Black and Jackson, write a source-based argument in which you ***discuss*** the position Robert H. Jackson would have regarding the rights of Arab Americans today.

**Your Task**: Using evidence from the above sources, write a well-developed argument regarding the opinion of Robert H. Jackson as it would apply to the rights of Arab Americans today. Clearly establish your claim, **distinguish your claim from alternate or opposing claims**, and use specific, relevant, and sufficient evidence from at least three of the sources to develop your argument. Do not simply summarize each source.

**Guidelines**: Be sure to:

• Establish your claim regarding the dissenting opinion of Robert H. Jackson

• Distinguish Justice Jackson’s opinion from that of the opinion of Justice Black

• Use specific, relevant, and sufficient evidence from at least three of the sources to develop your argument

• Identify each source that you reference

• Organize your ideas in a cohesive and coherent manner

• Maintain a formal style of writing

• Follow the conventions of standard written English