

Questions go with all of the readings related to Korematsu.

“Supreme Court Case Study 12” and “Korematsu v. United States”

1. What did Fred Korematsu do when Executive Order 9066 was issued? What happened to him because of his actions?
2. What was the constitutional issue in the case of *Korematsu v. United States*?
3. What was the concern and decision in the *Hirabayashi* case?
4. What conclusion did the Supreme Court draw in the *Korematsu* case?
5. What did Justice Black use as a justification for the hardships of internment?
6. What did the Court say about the question of racial prejudice? What were the true issues according the Court? How might you argue with that position? (Use Justice Black’s statement from the second reading as well as the first reading).
7. What did Justice Frank Murphy have to say about the decision? (use both readings) What was the constitutional basis for his dissent?
8. What did Justice Robert H. Jackson say in his dissent? (use both readings)

9. The Court's decision in the *Korematsu* case has been described as involving "the most alarming use of military authority in our nation's history." Do you think this description is justified? Why or why not?

"Proclamation 4417: An American Promise" and "A Letter to Japanese Americans"

10. What historical anniversary prompted this statement?

11. What promise is Ford making and asking the American people to make with this statement?

12. What did the Commission on the Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians recommend?

13. How did Congress carry out those recommendations?

"Korematsu Takes on Bush and Guantanamo Bay Internment Camp"

14. Why did Fred Korematsu return to the US Supreme Court in 2003?

15. What arguments did the Bush administration rely on to assert the same authority as Roosevelt did?

16. What honor was Korematsu given in 1998? For what did he earn it?

17. What statement did Korematsu make before the Court?

18. How did Earl Warren feel about his role on the camps?

19. How did Chief Justice William Rehnquist feel about the decision?