**WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT IS THE STORY BEHIND THE CASE?**

* + **Because of Pearl Harbor, there were strong anti-Japanese feelings in the US**
  + **In 1942, President Roosevelt issued Executive Order #9066 to protect the West Coast from acts of espionage and sabotage**
  + **The act required all Japanese-Americans living in restricted areas to go to inland relocation centers**
  + **Korematsu was convicted in federal court of “knowingly remaining in a designated military area”**

**HOW DID THE SUPREME COURT RULE IN THE CASE?**

* + **The Court ruled that an entire race could be labeled a “suspect classification”**
  + **The government was permitted to deny the Japanese-Americans their constitutional rights because of military considerations**
  + **Such exclusion was not beyond the war powers of Congress and the President since their interest in national security was “compelling”**

**NAME OF CASE**

Korematsu v. United States

**YEAR OF CASE**

**1944**

**INVOLVED (ex. people, states, amendments, laws)**

* + **Fred Korematsu**
  + **Executive Order #9066**
  + **5th Amendment, 14th Amendment**

**WHAT IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE IN THIS CASE?**

* + **Whether the Executive Order violated Korematsu’s 14th Amendment right to equal protection of the law and his 5th Amendment right to life, liberty, and property?**
  + **Did Congress or the President have the power to violate his rights?**