

Questions about Presidential Power in Wartime

To accompany *Presidential Powers in Wartime (standard)*

1. What does the U.S. Constitution say about the respective war powers of the president and Congress?
2. Does the power of the president as “commander in chief” give him unlimited power to act in time of war? Cite evidence from the three Supreme Court cases you read and heard about to support your answer.
3. How did the Supreme Court rule in the Korematsu case with regard to President Roosevelt’s use of presidential power in wartime?
4. Why do you think that the Supreme Court was willing to defer to the president in Korematsu, but not in the other three cases?
5. On the continuum below, place an “X” in the position that designates how much power the president should have in a time of war. Below the continuum, write two reasons to justify your position.

