

Current Events

Ruth Bader Ginsburg Calls Kaepernick Protests ' Dumb and Disrespectful'

Readability Level: 8.9

For Discussion



1. Define: nomination, conviction, abridged, reiterate, rhetoric, prerogative, eminently, infamous, dismissive, queried
2. Who is Ruth Bader Ginsburg? Would she be more accurately described as liberal or conservative?
3. Is Colin Kaepernick's refusal to stand for the National Anthem disrespectful? If so, who or what is it disrespectful to?
4. Do Justice Ginsburg's comments about Colin Kaepernick's protest mean that she disagrees with him about policing practices? Why or why not?
5. Why does Ginsburg say she is proud of America? What does it represent to her? What is the difference between her view and Kaepernick's?

Justice Ginsburg says she disagrees with speech such as flag burning and protesting the Anthem, but doesn't think it should be against the law. The late Justice Scalia said if he were King, he wouldn't allow flag burning, but the First Amendment requires him to strike down a law against it.

6. What is the difference between Ginsburg's and Scalia's views about laws against flag burning? What is the difference between saying something is a bad law and saying something is unconstitutional?
7. Why does the reporter view Scalia's and Ginsburg's statements as similar?
8. Why might a Supreme Court justice decide she regrets harsh words about a Presidential candidate?