Writing Activity: Integrate Sources in an Argument

Directions: You will be writing a two- to three-page argumentative paper on a Supreme Court case from this cluster of selections. Possible cases include the following: *Tinker v. Des Moines, Layshock v. Hermitage School District, Morse v. Frederick, New Jersey v. TLO, Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, Bethel School District v. Frazier, Vernonia School District v. Acton, or Roper v. Simmons. Once you and your partner have chosen a case, decide which side each of you will represent. Then read the majority and dissenting opinions on the case and take good notes. Use the following template to help you build a strong argument. Tie your argument to the essential question of this book: What prevents tyranny?*

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Supreme Court Case:

Position:

Relation to essential question:

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| Claim | Evidence |
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| Counterclaim | Response to counterclaim |
| Conclusion | |

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A Strong Argument

- introduces clear claims
- supports claims with logical reasons, accurate data, and relevant evidence from credible sources
- uses visual and sound elements to reinforce the main idea and acknowledges and addresses counterclaims