



“Advice to a Current Leader” Graphic Organizer

The Freedmen’s Bureau

PART 1: Make a copy of this graphic organizer, and use information from each letter in the Valley of the Shadow to summarize and use your ideas to support, refute, and/or modify Justice Clarence Thomas’ claim about the Freedmen’s Bureau in the 2022 Affirmative Action case.

Author & Recipient of Letter:	Summarize Write a one-sentence summary of the letter. Consider this format: <i>who/what?</i> > <i>did what?</i> > <i>when?</i> > <i>where?</i> > <i>how/why?</i>	Continuity According to the letter, what suggests that “freedmen” is a term that applies specifically to Black Americans?	Change According to the letter, what might suggest that the term “freedmen” is a “race-neutral category” as Justice Thomas suggests?

PART 2

Use what you've learned from both letters to formulate some talking points to Justice Thomas following the following template:

1) Justice Thomas, while I understand what you meant when you said...

2) It is important to understand the context and purpose of the Freedmen's Bureau which was...

3) Two examples of the Freedmen's Bureau being an organization aimed at aiding Black Americans specifically can be found...