“American Flag Stands for Tolerance”

Vocabulary:

1. Orthodoxy
2. Sanctity
3. Dogma
4. Dissenter

Analysis Questions

1. What words in the second paragraph convey Allen’s feelings toward the flag? Does understanding his attitude make you feel that his argument is stronger or weaker? Explain.
2. In his editorial, Allen talks about the “sanctity of the human conscience” and the “enlightenment” that comes from debate. Explain how the connotation of these words convey his tone.
3. What ideas are expressed in both the editorial and the court opinion from *Texas v. Johnson*? Which argument do you find more convincing? Why?
4. A fallacy is an error in reasoning. Suppose Allen had included this sentence in his editorial: *Anyone who wants to throw flag burners in jail is obviously not a supporter of the Constitution*. In what way is that statement a fallacy? If it were included, what effect would it have on Allen’s argument?
5. Allen distinguishes between what people *should* do and what they *should be allowed* to do. How does he reconcile this apparent contradiction in his argument?

Vocabulary Practice – Define each Latin root and give an example of a word derived from that root.

1. Sanctus
2. Firmus
3. Resilire
4. Sentire

Language and Style:

1. What is an independent clause?
2. What is a dependent clause?
3. What is another name for a dependent clause?
4. What is a noun clause?
5. Give an example of a noun clause used as the subject of a sentence.