**Close Read**

“I have no desire to underestimate the achievements of the past. We have no right to speak slightingly of the heritage, spiritual and material, that comes down to us. There are lessons that it teaches that we abandon only at our own peril. "Hold fast to that which is permanently true" is still a counsel of wisdom.”

FDR address to Young Democratic Club of America

Slightingly – disparagingly; not respecting

Heritage – tradition; custom; legacy

Material – items; things

Peril – danger; risk

Central Concern #1: (direct)

Why does FDR believe that we must learn about history?

“There are lessons that it teaches that we abandon only at our own peril. "Hold fast to that which is permanently true" is still a counsel of wisdom.”

Central Concern #2: (infer)

What is permanently true? Why? Who determines?

Central Concern #3: (infer)

Does what is considered “permanently true” ever change?

The reason Rev. Jackson explained the difference between a champion and a hero. “A champion,” he said, “wins a World Series or an Olympic event and is hoisted on the shoulders of teammates and fans. A hero carries the people on *his* shoulders. Champions live for the moment – heroes, like Jackie Robinson, transcend time.”

MLK on Jackie Robinson

Transcend – rise above; go beyond

Central Concern #1: (direct)

What is the difference between a champion and a hero?

Champions live for the moment – heroes, transcend time.”

Central Concern #2: (infer)

Would Jackie Robinson have been considered a hero before the Civil War? Before the Civil Rights movement?

Central Concern #3: (infer)

Does what is considered “permanently true” ever change?