

Landmark Supreme Court Cases

Purpose:

This activity is designed to teach the student how to research Supreme Court Cases as well as teach them about some of the more important Supreme Court Cases in US History. These cases have helped to define Civil Rights and Liberties that have become common knowledge and taken for granted by students today. This activity will make students familiar with these cases, many of which may appear on the Final Exam. Although every possible Supreme Court case cannot be covered, the selection of cases here will give the students the opportunity to see and understand how the Supreme Court does its work and prepare the students to answer any question about Supreme Court cases.

End Game:

The ultimate result is to produce a booklet of the Supreme Court Cases assigned to the students. By each student diligently completing their part the booklet will become a useful tool to study and prepare for the *assessment on Landmark Cases*. The booklet, when complete, will be available exclusively online.

Rubric:**Cases Analysis Sheet**

• Background Information	<i>clear, concise, includes the year, identifies the litigants, identifies the controversy</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Constitutional Issue(s)	<i>clearly noted with the Constitutional context</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Supreme Court Decision (Majority Opinion)	<i>including the vote of the Court, the answer to the issue(s), the rationale, AND a simply stated precedent</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Concurring Opinion(s) (if any)	<i>rationale behind the concurrences, note if no concurrence exists</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Dissenting Opinion(s) (if any)	<i>rationale behind the dissent, note if no dissent exists</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Sources Cited (MLA)	<i>MLA format</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Links	<i>simple links, website name and link</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Image	<i>only 1, relating specifically to the case, perhaps a justice, the litigant(s), etc.</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
• Contribution to Online Booklet	<i>when all is said and done, is your page in the booklet complete and on time?</i>	5	4	3	2	1	0	
Total (45)								