**SUPREME COURT LANDMARK CASES – PROJECT**

The Supreme Court is very important to American society because it helps to interpret the laws and to apply them to society. Over time, the court has made several landmark decisions that have had a lasting impact. We will be researching some of these cases, learning why they are important, and constructing visual representations (posters or PowerPoints) of them.

**Step 1:** Find your cases below. (Everyone is assigned to two.)

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| SUPREME COURT CASES | STUDENTS ASSIGNED |
| Marbury v. Madison  District of Columbia v. Heller |  |
| Plessy v. Ferguson  Brown v. Board of Education |  |
| In re Gault  Gideon v. Wainwright |  |
| Tinker v. Des Moines  Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier |  |
| United States v. Nixon  Bush v. Gore |  |

**Step 2:** Read about your cases in the Fact Sheet PDF that is attached to this assignment. There are two pages that contain information about each of your cases.

**Step 3:** Answer the questions about your cases found on page 2 of this project sheet.

**Step 4:** Choose ONE of your two cases to create a digital poster or PowerPoint about. Your visual must contain:

* The title of the case
* The date of the case
* What happened in the case
* Who won
* Why it is important (what impact has it had on our society, or on the rights of people?)
* At least three images
* Be colorful and clear to read

**Grading:** You will be graded on both your research and on the visual presentations that you create. 2/3 of your grade will come on your research of the cases, and 1/3 will come on the visual.

**Supreme Court Case 1**

1) What was the title of the case?

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2) What was the year of the case?

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3) What was the important background information or facts of the case?

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4) Who won the case?

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5) Why is the case important? What did it do, or what changed because of it?

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6) What impact did this case have on the rights of people, or of the branches of government? Did it expand rights to certain groups? Did it limit rights? Explain.

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**Supreme Court Case 2**

1) What was the title of the case?

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2) What was the year of the case?

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3) What was the important background information or facts of the case?

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4) Who won the case?

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5) Why is the case important? What did it do, or what changed because of it?

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6) What impact did this case have on the rights of people, or of the branches of government? Did it expand rights to certain groups? Did it limit rights? Explain.

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