**SUPREME COURT LANDMARK CASES – PROJECT (P7)**

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:** Go to the Project Sign Up Sheet (it is posted at the top of our Teams page, next to the Bell Ringer tab). Highlight or put an “X” next to the two cases that you selected.

• 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:** Research your cases! You may read about them in the Fact Sheet PDF that is attached to this assignment. You may also go online, especially to the Supreme Court case archive on [www.oyez.org](http://www.oyez.org) to look up the case further (and you may need to do this in order to find the year of your case).

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

**Step 4:** Create digital posters or PowerPoints about your cases! 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 about the case
* Be colorful and clear to read

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

**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? Write at least three sentences.

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4) What was the major question before the court in this case?

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5) Who won the case?

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

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7) 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 in at least two or three sentences.

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**Supreme Court Case 2**

1) What was the title of the case?

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3) What was the important background information or facts of the case? Write at least three sentences.

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4) What was the major question before the court in this case?

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5) Who won the case?

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

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7) 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 in at least two or three sentences.

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