**CRIMES & PUNISHMENTS: The 8TH AMENDMENT**

**Part A. Court Cases**. Your group will be assigned one of the above four court cases. Read the case and then work together to answer the questions below about your case. Be ready to present the case to the class.

Our group has been assigned the case of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1) What were the facts of the case?

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2) What was the major issue being decided?

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3) How did the court rule?

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4) What was their reasoning?

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5) Why was this ruling important?

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**Part B. Essay**. Should the death penalty be allowed, or should it be outlawed as “cruel and unusual” punishment? Why? Use evidence from the reading and your own ideas to construct an argumentative paragraph (at least 6 sentences) taking one side or the other of this debate. Make sure to support your argument with examples/evidence. Try to develop a counterargument for what someone arguing the other side might say, as well.

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