**Fourth Amendment Writing Assignment**

Imagine that you are justices on the Supreme Court (congratulations!), and that you must decide a case which contains the following difficult questions:

➡ May the government, without a warrant, have access to e-mails older than 180 days, or would this be a violation of the 4th amendment?

➡ May the government, without a warrant, obtain the location of individuals using GPS

data from their cell phones or tablets, or would this be a violation of the 4th amendment?

As noted in the presentation, there are several issues you may wish to consider, including whether a search under the 4th Amendment has occurred; whether the individuals have a reasonable expectation of privacy; the notion that the 4th amendment protects people, not places; the larger values underpinning the 4th amendment (including protecting individuals against government oppression and a concern about giving the government too much discretion in criminal investigations); and the legitimate security concerns of the government.

If there are strong disagreements within your group, you may wish to consider writing one majority opinion and a separate dissenting opinion. Also note that you may end up answering the two questions in different ways.