

The Supreme Court

Now and Then

"We have a complex system of government. You have to teach it to every generation."

~ Sandra Day O'Connor, Supreme Court Justice

Question Categories

History of the Court

Players need to know how the U.S. Supreme Court became part of our government, how the federal appellate court system is set up, Court customs and procedures, changes to the Court over the years, numbers of justices, appointment process, calendar, choice of cases, and historical "firsts" involving the Court – including any of its Justices (whether listed below or not), the lawyers appearing before it, and the personnel working for it.

Justices

Players need to know specific information concerning the Justices listed below, including which president appointed / promoted the Justice, any controversies surrounding the appointment, number of years of service on the Court, and important rulings or influences. This category is not meant to be modeled after Presidents and will not include questions about other biographical information.

<i>CHIEF JUSTICES</i>		
John Jay	Morrison R. Waite	Fred M. Vinson
John Rutledge	Melville W. Fuller	Earl Warren
Oliver Ellsworth	Edward Douglass White	Warren E. Burger
John Marshall	William Howard Taft	William H. Rehnquist
Roger Brooke Taney	Charles Evans Hughes	John G. Roberts, Jr.
Salmon P. Chase	Harlan Fiske Stone	

<i>SELECT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES</i>		
William Paterson	Louis Brandeis	Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Samuel Chase	Hugo Black	Sonia Sotomayor
Joseph Story	Thurgood Marshall	Neil Gorsuch
Oliver Wendell Holmes	Sandra Day O'Connor	

People and the Stories

Questions will ask about the people (parties) involved and events leading up to the cases.

Decisions

For the cases in each division, questions will ask the opposing viewpoints, the Constitutional connection, who wrote the majority opinion, the reasoning stated for the opinion, ramifications of the opinion on society, did the ruling withstand the test of time or was the ruling reversed. Junior/Senior division must also know the above information for their assigned dissents.

TOPIC	ELEMENTARY DIVISION CASES
Civil Rights	<i>Dred Scott v. Sandford</i> , 60 U.S. 393 (1857)
	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> , 163 U.S. 537 (1896)
	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> , 347 U.S. 483 (1954)
Federal Power	<i>Marbury v. Madison</i> , 5 U.S. 137 (1803)
Free Speech	<i>New York Times v. Sullivan</i> , 376 U.S. 254 (1964)
	<i>Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District</i> , 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
Right to Counsel	<i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> , 372 U.S. 335 (1963)
Search & Seizure	<i>New Jersey v. TLO</i> , 469 U.S. 325 (1985)
	<i>Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton</i> , 515 U.S. 646 (1995)
	<i>Riley v. California</i> , 573 U.S. 783, 134 S. Ct. 2473 (2014)
	<i>Carpenter v. United States</i> , 138 S. Ct. 2206 (2018)
War Powers	<i>Korematsu v. United States</i> , 323 U.S. 214 (1944)
TOPIC	MIDDLE DIVISION CASES
Civil Rights	<i>Dred Scott v. Sandford</i> , 60 U.S. 393 (1857)
	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> , 163 U.S. 537 (1896)
	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> , 347 U.S. 483 (1954)
Federal Power	<i>Marbury v. Madison</i> , 5 U.S. 137 (1803)
	<i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> , 17 U.S. 316 (1819)
	<i>Gibbons v. Ogden</i> , 22 U.S. 1 (1824)
Free Speech	<i>New York Times v. Sullivan</i> , 376 U.S. 254 (1964)
	<i>Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District</i> , 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
	<i>Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission</i> , 558 U.S. 310 (2010)
Right to Counsel	<i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> , 372 U.S. 335 (1963)
Search & Seizure	<i>New Jersey v. TLO</i> , 469 U.S. 325 (1985)
	<i>Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton</i> , 515 U.S. 646 (1995)
	<i>Kyllo v. United States</i> , 533 U.S. 27 (2001)
	<i>Riley v. California</i> , 573 U.S. 783, 134 S. Ct. 2473 (2014)
	<i>Carpenter v. United States</i> , 138 S. Ct. 2206 (2018)
War Powers	<i>Korematsu v. United States</i> , 323 U.S. 214 (1944)

Additional Resources

Sources for research include the following:

www.supremecourt.gov

www.judiciallearningcenter.org

www.iCivics.org

TOPIC	JUNIOR/SENIOR DIVISION CASES
Civil Rights	<i>Dred Scott v. Sandford</i> , 60 U.S. 393 (1857) -plus McLean & Curtis’s dissents
	<i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> , 163 U.S. 537 (1896) -plus Harlan’s dissent
	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> , 347 U.S. 483 (1954)
	<i>Obergefell v. Hodges</i> , 135 S. Ct. 2584 (2015) - plus Roberts and Scalia’s dissents
Federal Power	<i>Marbury v. Madison</i> , 5 U.S. 137 (1803)
	<i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> , 17 U.S. 316 (1819)
	<i>Gibbons v. Ogden</i> , 22 U.S. 1 (1824)
Free Speech	<i>New York Times v. Sullivan</i> , 376 U.S. 254 (1964)
	<i>Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District</i> , 393 U.S. 503 (1969)
	<i>Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission</i> , 558 U.S. 310 (2010)
	<i>Janus v. American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees</i> , 138 S. Ct. 2448 (2018)
Privacy Rights	<i>Griswold v. Connecticut</i> , 381 U.S. 479 (1965)
	<i>Roe v. Wade</i> , 410 U.S. 113 (1973) -plus Rehnquist and White’s dissents (93 S. Ct. 762 – White’s dissent)
Right to Counsel	<i>Gideon v. Wainwright</i> , 372 U.S. 335 (1963)
	<i>Miranda v. Arizona</i> , 384 U.S. 436 (1966)
Search & Seizure	<i>Mapp v. Ohio</i> , 367 U.S. 643 (1961)
	<i>New Jersey v. TLO</i> , 469 U.S. 325 (1985)
	<i>Vernonia School District 47J v. Acton</i> , 515 U.S. 646 (1995)
	<i>Kyllo v. United States</i> , 533 U.S. 27 (2001)
	<i>Riley v. California</i> , 573 U.S. 783, 134 S. Ct. 2473 (2014)
	<i>Carpenter v. United States</i> , 138 S. Ct. 2206 (2018) - plus Kennedy and Gorsuch’s dissents
War Powers	<i>Korematsu v. United States</i> , 323 U.S. 214 (1944) - plus Roberts, Murphy and Jackson’s dissents
	<i>Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer</i> , 343 U.S. 579 (1952)
	<i>Trump v. Hawaii</i> , 138 S. Ct. 2392 (2018) -plus Sotomayor’s dissent

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