A Case in Point
Student Assessments of Supreme Court Decisions

Write a short essay supporting or refuting the statement:

The Supreme Court made a wise decision in this case.

In organizing your essay:

- Indicate whether you support or refute the decision of the Court.
- Quickly summarize the case.
- List two facts which support your statement.
- Cite a previous court case that supports your statement.
- Develop an argument for fairness which supports your statement.
- Develop an argument to demonstrate how this benefits society.

Do not sign your name. Your teacher will give you an ID number to use instead. All papers will be read and critiqued by three students using the Student Critique Guidelines (below).

Student Critique Guidelines

1. Does the paper (Circle one) SUPPORT/REFUTE the decision of the Court?

2. Is the case summarized? YES/NO
   Comments:

3. Are relevant facts presented? YES/NO
   Comments:

4. Is a previous court decision cited? YES/NO
   Comments:

5. Is an argument for fairness given? YES/NO
   Comments:

6. Is an argument illustrating the benefit to society given? YES/NO
   Comments:

7. On the paper mark any spelling, punctuation, or grammatical errors.

8. What is the best part of the paper? What needs improvement?

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