A Case in Point
U.S. Supreme Court Decision—Student Opinion Essay

Write a short essay supporting or refuting the statement:
The Supreme Court made a wise decision in the (case of focus).

In organizing your essay:

- Indicate whether you support or refute the decision of the Court.
- Concisely summarize the given 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" that follows:

Regards: Paper #_____

1. Does the paper (Circle One) Support / Refute the decision of the Court?

2. Is the (given 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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