

Researching Supreme Court Cases

1. Be sure to include any relevant information related to the historical period of the case. i.e. if it is about racial discrimination in the 1960's please include information related to the civil rights movement.
2. Give a general overview of the case. This includes the parties involved, what has happened to the parties so far in the class and anything else relevant.
3. List the critical cases that came prior to this case, related to the same issue. For example, if you were going to study the Brown vs. Board of education case, you would need to include Plessy vs. Ferguson.
4. Include the constitutional principles involved in the case.
5. Explain the decision of the court. Please include the majority opinion, concurring opinion, and dissenting opinions. Not only are you including the vote in this, you are explaining the constitutional principles that they talk about for this.