

American Government In-Class Activity

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Monumental Cases of the Supreme Court

Directions: Working in pairs you will be assigned a monumental case of the Supreme Court. You and your partner will need to answer the questions about the case and then present your information to the class.

Questions:

1. What was the issue? (Why did this case even come up?)
2. How did the court decide?
3. What is their reasoning for their decision?
4. Why is this case so important in the history of the Supreme Court?

Cases:

Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas (1954)
Marbury v. Madison (1803)
McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)
Miranda v. Arizona (1966)
Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
Roe v. Wade (1973)
Schechter Poultry Corporation v. United States (1935)
Schenck v. United States (1919)
United States v. Nixon (1974)

Scoring:

_____/3 Presentation (3 min)

_____/6 Information

_____/1 Using Work Time Well