



United States Supreme Court Top Ten Court Cases

The ten cases listed below are considered the top ten cases heard by the Supreme Court. Your assignment is to research the case and prepare a brief for the case. Examples are given on how to brief a case. Listed below are two web sites that will be helpful in researching the cases. The library has books available on the Supreme Court.

Here are two links that will be very helpful:

<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>

<http://law.cornell.edu/supct/case/name.htm>

New Jersey vs. TLO

Roe vs. Wade

Lemon vs. Kurtzman

Plessey vs. Ferguson

Tinker vs. Des Moines School District

Gideon vs. Wainwright

Miranda vs. Arizona

Marbury vs. Madison

Brown vs. Board of Education

Dred Scott vs. Sanford



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BRIEFING A LAW CASE

TITLE: Give the title of the case and the proper citation. If someone wants to read the case, your reference is all that is needed.

FACTS: State briefly the circumstances that put this case in the courts.

ISSUES: What had to be settled by the court?

DECISION: What was the court's decision and what reasons were given for handing down this decision?

SIGNIFICANCE: What is the significance of this decision?