

Holy Cross Regional School Summer Assignment (2019)

8th Grade Civics
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<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/seven-roles-one-president/>

Directions: Read the article on the roles of the president. Use the article to answer the following questions. Please be sure to use your best writing mechanics. Type your answer on separate pages.

1. The article gives descriptions of many of the roles the President of the United States is expected to fill. Of all the roles mentioned, which role do you think you would enjoy the most if you were president? Use details from the text to support your answer.

2. Which of the roles do you think would be the most challenging to do well? Why? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Note

A good resource for civics review. Games and quizzes etc...

<https://www.icivics.org/>

Supreme Court Cases



Please research and summarize the following supreme court cases using the attached sheets. (Make copies as needed; they will be available in office and on the Holy Cross website as well.) We will discuss these cases during the coming year, and it will benefit you to have some knowledge ahead of time. I have put the cases in three groups; that is deliberate. Can you tell what each group has in common? Some good sites for research are:

<https://www.oyez.org/>

<http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/supreme-court-landmarks>

<https://www.supremecourt.gov>

A

1. *Marbury v Madison*
2. *Gibbons v Ogden*
3. *McCulloch v Maryland*
4. *Barron v Baltimore*

B

5. *Dred Scott v Sandford*
6. *Plessy v Ferguson*
7. *Schenck v United States*
8. *Korematsu v United States*

C.

9. *Gitlow v NY*
10. *Brown v Board of Education of Topeka*
11. *Mapp v Ohio*
12. *Gideon v Wainwright*
13. *Miranda v Arizona*
14. *Griswold v Connecticut*
15. *Roe v Wade*

The Constitution



<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/us-constitution-overview/>

Read the above linked summary of the U.S. Constitution. Answer the following questions.

Delegates from _____ states met in _____ in May of 1787.

The original purpose of the convention was to amend the _____.

Two plans were presented regarding the structure of the new government. They were the _____ plan favored by small states and the _____ plan supported by larger states.

What type of legislature was created by the Constitution? _____

The find common ground the delegates agree on _____, or Great compromise.

Who became known as the "Father of the Constitution? _____

Who held the role of chairman of the convention?

After the Constitution was written it had to be _____ by the states?

How many states were required to successfully complete this process? _____

The debates over this process spit the delegates into two groups, the _____ who favored the constitution as written, and the _____ who were unhappy that the Constitution lacked a _____.

In order to change the constitution, _____ can be added.

Since 1791 how many of these formal changes have been added? _____

Who was the oldest delegate to the convention? _____



A note from Mr. Roach,

This assignment is due the first week of school and It is a graded assignment. My goal with this assignment is to have students build a foundation before we start class. It should not take a tremendous amount of your time this summer, but please do not wait until the day before school starts. As I have stated, the goal is to prepare for the coming year, not simply to check off some busy work. I think you will find some of the court cases fascinating, and we should have a lot to discuss next year.

Try to read a news article or two a week. There is so much going on in our country and around the world; yes, it does affect you! Current events will be part of the class, so become an informed citizen.

Finally, your number one assignment is to relax, have a great time with family and friends, and be safe. I look forward to seeing all of you in 8th grade. If you are travelling, don't forget to send a postcard for our bulletin board!

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Supreme Court Cases Summary Sheet

1. Name of Case: -----

Date: -----

Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

Ruling (in favor of) -----

Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

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Chief Justice" -----

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Chief Justice" -----

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Chief Justice" -----

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Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

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6. Name of Case: -----

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Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

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7. Name of Case: -----

Date: -----

Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

Ruling (in favor of) -----

Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

8. Name of Case: -----

Date: -----

Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

Ruling (in favor of) -----

Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

9. Name of Case: -----

Date: -----

Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

Ruling (in favor of) -----

Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

10. Name of Case: -----

Date: -----

Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

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11. Name of Case: -----

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Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

Ruling (in favor of) -----

Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

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Date: -----

Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

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Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

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Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

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Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

14. Name of Case: -----

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Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

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Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling

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Chief Justice" -----

Brief Summary of the case and constitutional argument:

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Constitutional principle or doctrine established, upheld or overturned by this ruling
