**A.P. United States Government**

**Supreme Court Case List**

You will write a case brief on ONE of the following court cases. (Explained on the next page.) Use the following websites for information:

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/home>

<http://www.oyez.org>

1. Marbury v. Madison (1803)
2. McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)
3. Gibbons v. Ogden (1824)
4. Barron v. Baltimore (1833)
5. Reynolds. V. United States (1879)
6. Plessy v. Ferguson (1896)
7. Schenck v. United States (1919)
8. Gitlow v. New York (1925)
9. Near v. Minnesota (1931)
10. Korematsu v. United States (1944)
11. Brown v. Board of Education (1954) and Brown II (1955)
12. Mapp v. Ohio (1961)
13. Baker v. Carr (1962)
14. Engel v. Vitale (1962)
15. Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)
16. Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States (1964)
17. New York Times v. Sullivan (1964)
18. Griswold v. Connecticut (1965)
19. Miranda v. Arizona (1966)
20. Tinker v. Des Moines School District (1969)
21. Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971)
22. New York Times v. United States (Pentagon Papers Case) (1971)
23. Wisconsin v. Yoder (1972)
24. Furman v. Georgia (1972)/Gregg v. Georgia (1976)
25. Miller v. California (1973)
26. Roe v. Wade (1973)
27. Buckley v. Valeo (1976)
28. Regents of the University of California v. Bakke (1978)
29. Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier (1987)
30. Texas v. Johnson (1989)
31. Webster v. Reproductive Health Services (1989)
32. Oregon v. Smith (1990)
33. Planned Parenthood v. Casey (1992)
34. United States v. Lopez (1995)
35. Gratz v. Bollinger (2003) and Grutter v. Bollinger (2003)
36. Hamdi v. Rumsfeld (2004)/ Hamdan v. Rumsfeld (2006)
37. District of Columbia v. Heller (2008)/McDonald v. Chicago (2011)
38. Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010)

**SCOTUS Case Briefs**

A case brief is a dissection of a judicial opinion. In this course, students are expected to cursorily summarize a select few of the key elements that go into a more formal case brief. Case briefing aids your memory of the important Constitutional cases that will be discussed and may appear on course tests and the AP Exam. Students will be expected to brief cases in a short form, summarizing the important elements.

The following example sets out the format to be used for all written briefs.

Case Name: Three Bears v Goldilocks

Court Name: Supreme Court of the United States

***Case & Source Citation*** [5 points]

Date of Decision: 1962

Source: http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/supreme.html

Facts/History: ***General description of the events that brought the case to court.*** [10 points]

Goldilocks, an agent of the Sheriff of Nottingham, entered the residence of the Three Bears to execute a search warrant in pursuit of the fugitive Big Bad Wolf. During the course of her search she discovered illegal contraband porridge, which she confiscated. The trial court found the Three Bears guilty of possession of porridge. Defendants appealed, and appeals court upheld the lower court ruling. Defendants appealed to the Supreme Court. *Certiorari* was granted to the Supreme Court.

Issue: ***What are the issues involved in the case? These are usually stated in question form, and refer to the rights and Constitutional issues involved.*** [20 points]

Was the confiscation and subsequent prosecution based on the confiscation a violation of the Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure?

Decision: ***How did the court rule? What was the margin? Who wrote the opinion(s)*** [15 points]

In a unanimous decision, the court found that Goldilocks, although acting with a warrant, violated the defendants’ Constitutional protection against search and seizure. In the majority opinion, Justice Robin Hood wrote that the warrant was specific to the pursuit of a fugitive. Since the warrant provided no other authority to search and seize illegal goods, these goods were unconstitutionally taken and may therefore not be used against them in a criminal procedure. Reversed and remanded.

Significance: ***What does the case do that has never been done before? What is the principle of law related to this case? What new reasoning is being introduced? Is this a precedent-setting case?*** [20 points]

The court established that protection against search and seizure is extended to actions taken under warrants.

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