**Landmark Court Cases Essay Requirements**

**Overview: The student will write a brief essay about a particular landmark court case following the directions and guidelines listed below.**

**Length: Three full pages minimum, doubled spaced, 12 point font, 1” margins top and bottom.**

**Points: 50**

**Sources:** [**https://www.landmarkcases.org/**](https://www.landmarkcases.org/) **(Students will receive an extra bonus point per extra source up to 3 extra sources book or website.)**

**Grading Requirements: Consult ALL writing rules and the WHOLE essay rubric on the Classroom Writing Page on the Augusta Social Studies website.**

**Essay Outline Ideas, or Points of Consideration: Below is a list of focus points that must be included when writing your essay about the landmark court case.**

* **INTRODUCTION: Provide a brief overview of what legal concept the case is exploring. (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **What is the background of the case? (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **What are the most relevant facts to the case? (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **Discuss the major issue of the case. (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **What are at least two precedents of the case? (2 paragraphs minimum)**
* **What are the main arguments of the petitioner? (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **What are the main arguments of the respondent? (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **Summarize the Court’s Decision. (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **CONCLUSION: Summarize the overall impact of the case on American history. (1 paragraph minimum)**
* **There are 20 landmark court cases. Each student will write about five cases.**