

Supreme Decision Game Worksheet

NAME: _____

Watch the opening Court scene and introduction to Justice Irene Waters and then answer questions 1 & 2 below.



Question 1: Which side do you agree with after hearing the opening arguments?

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Question 2: Use two words in the word bank to fill in the sentence blanks:

clients

judges

lawyers

justices

At the Supreme Court, the _____ make arguments and answer questions that are asked by the _____.

Answer this question after hearing the first set of Justices:



Question 3: For speech to be protected under the First Amendment, the speech must:

- A. Be something you wear
- B. Have a message
- C. Actually contain words
- D. Be expressed out loud

Answer this question after hearing the second set of Justices:



Question 4: Why did the justices argue about whether political speech gets more protection than cultural speech?

- A. The justices agreed that Ben's t-shirt was cultural speech, but wanted to see how much protection it should get.
- B. The First Amendment only protects political speech, but not cultural speech.
- C. The First Amendment protects cultural speech more than political speech.
- D. The justices disagreed about whether Ben's t-shirt was political or cultural speech.

Answer this question after hearing the third set of Justices:



Question 5: Make up a rule about speech in school: _____

If this was the rule in your school, then your school has (circle one):

no limits on speech few limits on speech some limits on speech extremely limited speech

Answer this question after hearing the fourth set of Justices:



Question 6: What did the Supreme Court say in the Tinker case?

- A. If there is good reason to believe that a type of speech in school is disruptive, the school can ban that speech.
- B. A school can take away freedom of speech for any reason.
- C. Students do not have freedom of speech when they are in school.
- D. Schools cannot limit freedom of speech because it is protected by the First Amendment.

Answer these questions after you have finished playing Supreme Decision:

Question 7: Which side do you agree with after hearing all of the arguments?

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Question 8: Why did you agree with that side?

Question 9: Did you change your mind over the course of the game? If so, what made you change your opinion?