

## **What's the Supreme Court Have to Do With Me?**

### **Jeff-Lewis School Library System Participation in Government Unit**

#### **LIST OF SCENARIOS \***

##### Scenario 1

You have been arrested for publishing a scandal sheet linking the school's administration to the mafia. You vaguely remember something in U.S. History class concerning a Supreme Court case dealing with this charge. (Begin search with: censorship)

##### Scenario 2

Your school newspaper advisor is on a long-term leave of absence, so the students are writing the newspaper. Your principal has been proofreading the newspaper before it goes to press. In the recent issue, the principal has objected to several articles, and ordered that the articles be deleted before publication. The newspaper staff is fighting MAD!! Locate information on this issue and be prepared to present it to the Board of Education. (Begin search with: Hazelwood School District)

##### Scenario 3

A group of your friends are very angry over a decision by the Superintendent over student dress (they have mandated uniforms). Your friends are planning to protest at the next Board of Education meeting but someone has suggested burning a flag. Is this legal or illegal? (Begin search with: flag burning)

##### Scenario 4

Your biology teacher spent two days on the evolution theory but your religious beliefs differ and you want equal class time to present these views. You have discussed this with the school administration. They said no. (Begin search with: Edwards)

##### Scenario 5

You have been arrested for distributing obscene materials through the mail. You mailed flyers of your new desktop pamphlet to all your friends and their families. The county sheriff said that you violated community standards by mailing obscene materials through the mail. (Begin search with: obscenity standards & CA, Miller)

##### Scenario 6

As part of the school's newspaper's staff you attend local court trials. Your best friend's brother is on trial for murder. You have wanted to attend the trial. However this is the third trial for your friend's brother since the first two trial ended in a hung jury. The judge has ordered the case closed to all media and the jury sequestered. You'll do anything to attend this trial how can you persuade a judge to allow the media into the courtroom. (Begin search with: Richmond Newspapers)

##### Scenario 7

Your religious leader mentioned during a meeting that today's society especially today's young people lacks spiritual guidance because pray has been eliminated from school. You

have a prayer group at school however you must meet before school starts and it's held off the school grounds. You passionately believe prayer would help a lot of your classmates. (Begin search with: Engel)

#### Scenario 8

You recently rented the video *The Fugitive*. You loved it but you remember it was based on a TV show with the same name. Also at the end of the video it told about the real Sam Sheppard. Locate information on Samuel Sheppard and what does he have to do with Supreme Court cases? (Begin search with: Samuel Sheppard)

#### Scenario 9

You have just turned 18 yrs. old and registered for the draft however you violently opposed the concept of the draft and are planning to stage a protest by burning your draft card. Can you get arrested for burning your draft card and what does it have to do with the Supreme Court? (Begin search with: O'Brien)

#### Scenario 10

You're really interested in President Richard Nixon and Watergate. But you're confused about the term "classified information". What does it mean and why is it used with President Nixon? (Begin search with: Nixon and New York Times)

#### Scenario 11

You have recently read the Communist Manifesto and truly believe its message. You have been meeting with a small group of people who have similar views. The group has brainstormed various ways to overthrow the U.S. government but the group hasn't developed a conscience. Suddenly the police raid your hangout and arrest everyone, but you. How can you help your fellow comrades? (Begin search with: Begin search with: Yates)

#### Scenario 12

Recently an Amish family has moved into the community. There are seven children in the family and they attend a private Amish school that stops at the eighth grade. How can they do that!! You are required to attend school till your sixteen years old. Your guidance counselor has told you that you need a high school diploma or GED to get an entry-level job. (Begin search with: Wisconsin)

#### Scenario 13

You have been arrested by the police for distributing a "left-wing manifesto" that calls for the establishment of new government through any form of action necessary. The First Amendment guarantees your right of free speech but the local sheriff said the New York State law charges you with advocating violent revolution against the government. (Begin search with: New York)

#### Scenario 14

The School Board has announced changing the secondary school hours from 7:30a.m. - 2:30p.m. to 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.. Since the majority of students work after school from

4:00p.m.-9:00p.m. three nights or more a week, this would leave little time for after school activities ex: sports, clubs, etc. Your student government has organized a protest march that will start at WHS and proceed to the Board of Education office. The march is quiet and orderly but outsiders have lined the streets and are heckling the marchers. The police are present to maintain order however fearing an outbreak of violent. The police ordered your group to leave the area. Your group slowly leaves but you're arrested later that day for disorderly conduct. (Begin search with: Gregory)

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