



CANONICAL AND LANDMARK SUPREME COURT CASES

SCHOLAR EXCHANGE

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In this session, students explore the history of the Supreme Court and landmark Supreme Court cases from *Marbury v. Madison* (1803) to the Roberts Court. This is a great session for students to preview and investigate the Supreme Court cases to encourage further study of government.



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BIG IDEA

The Supreme Court has been at the center of some of the most important constitutional debates in American history. Over time, the Court's landmark decisions have shaped constitutional law across a range of areas, including the powers of the national government, the meaning of the Constitution's promise of freedom and equality, and the balance of power between the national government and the states.



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WHAT IS A LANDMARK CASE?

A landmark case is a court case that is studied because it has historical and legal significance. The most significant cases are those that have had a lasting effect on the application of a certain law, often concerning your individual rights and liberties.



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HOW DO COURTS CASES AFFECT LAW?

Though the judicial branch doesn't directly make laws, the courts interpret laws through the cases brought before them. The American legal system is a **Common Law** system, which means that judges base their decisions on previous court rulings in similar cases. Therefore, previous decisions by a higher court are binding, and become part of the law.



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SUPREME COURT FOUNDATIONS

- *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)
- *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819)



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Chief Justice John Marshall

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MARBURY V. MADISON (1803)



John Adams



Thomas Jefferson



John Marbury



James Madison



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MCCULLOCH V. MARYLAND (1819)



The Second Bank of the United States



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CONSTITUTION'S PROMISE OF EQUALITY

- *Dred Scott v. Sanford* (1857)
- *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)
- *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)
- *Regents of University of California v. Bakke* (1978)
- *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015)



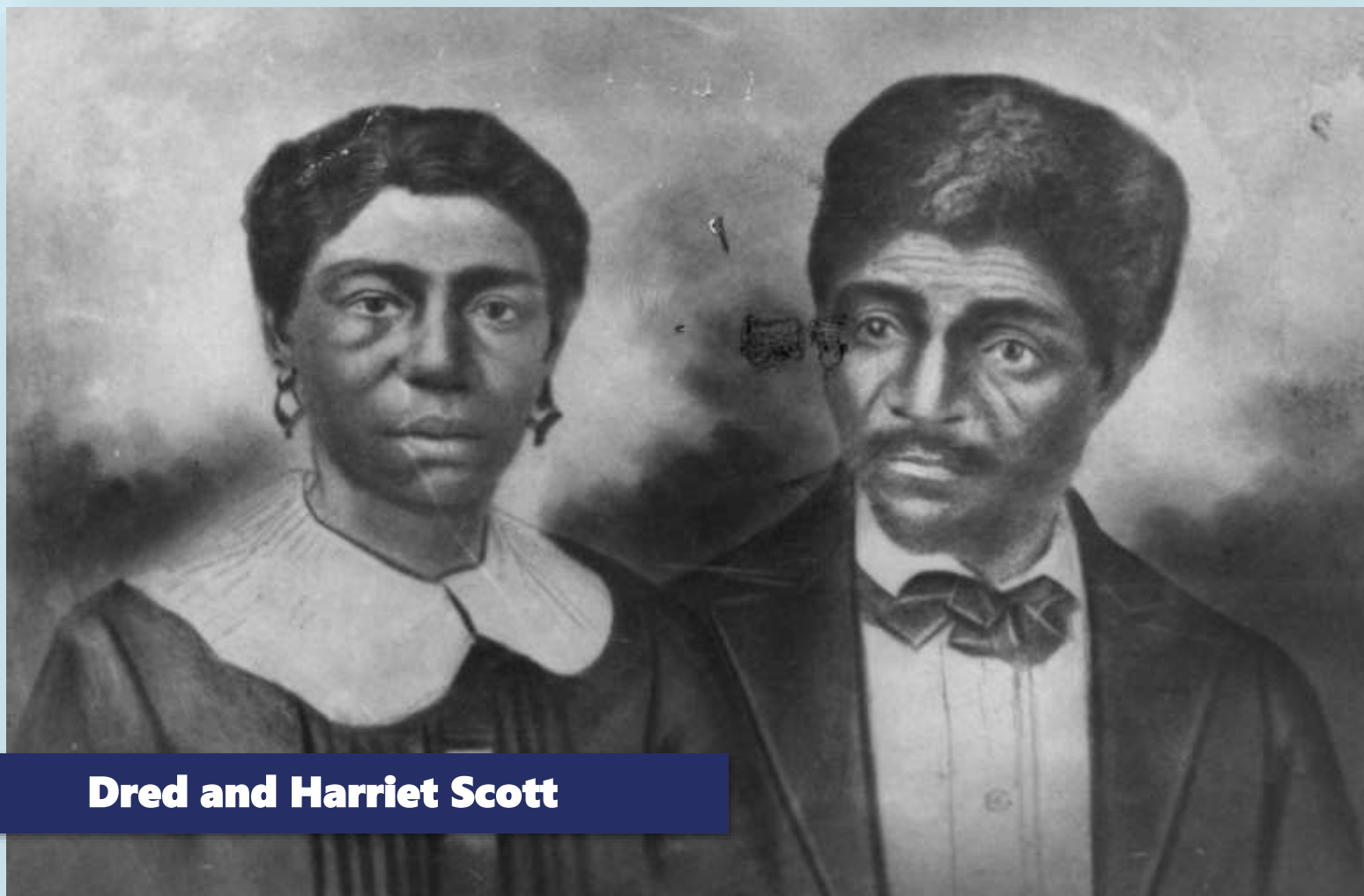
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DRED SCOTT V. SANDFORD (1857)



Dred and Harriet Scott



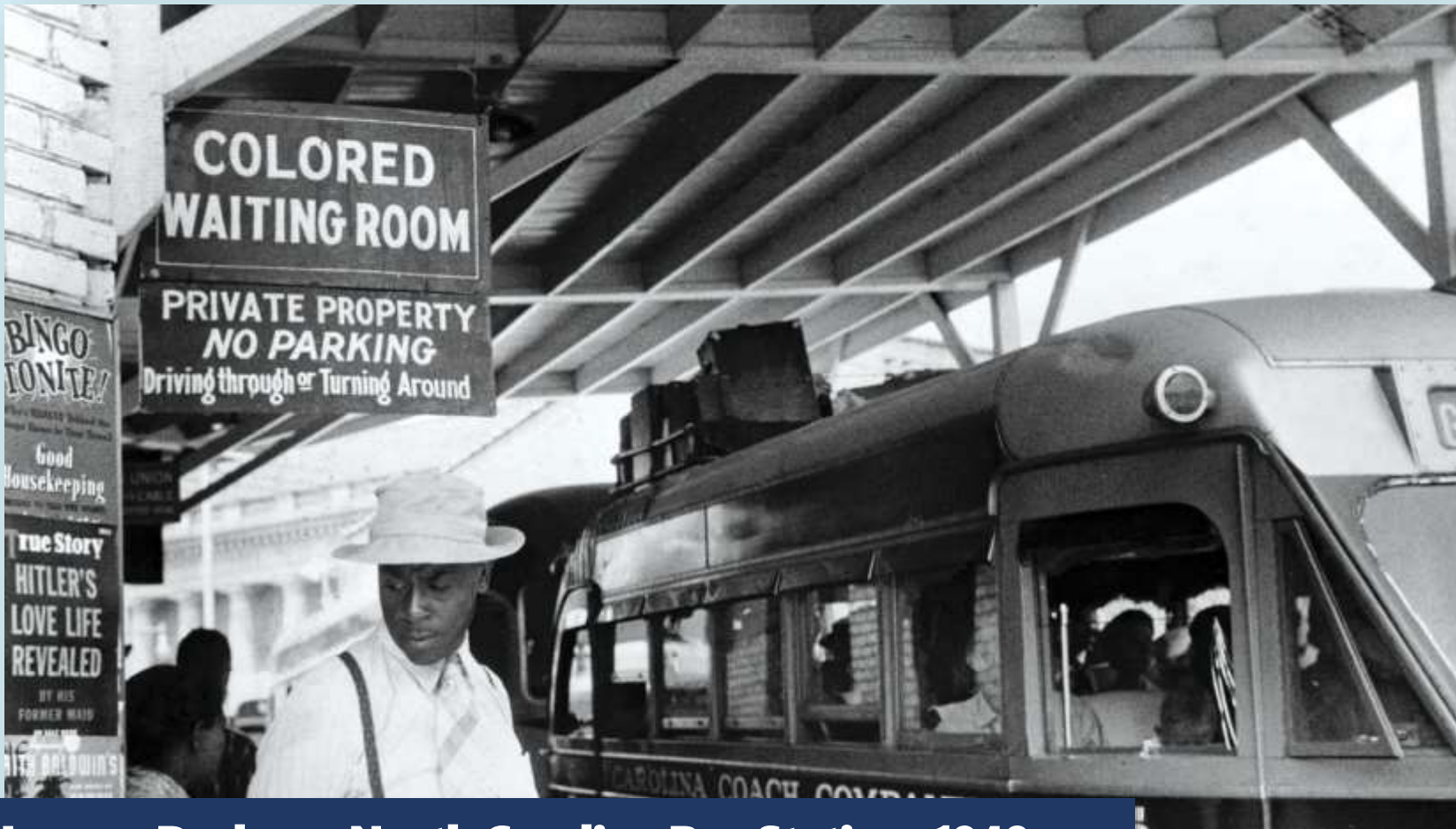
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PLESSY V. FERGUSON (1896)



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BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION (1954)



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CONSTITUTION'S PROMISE OF EQUALITY

REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA V. BAKKE (1978)



Image: Protest against the California Supreme Court's decision in Bakke, Los Angeles, May 7, 1977 (Archives of the University of California)



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OBERGEFELL V. HODGES (2015)



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FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTION

- *Lochner v. New York* (1905)
- *Roe v. Wade* (1973)



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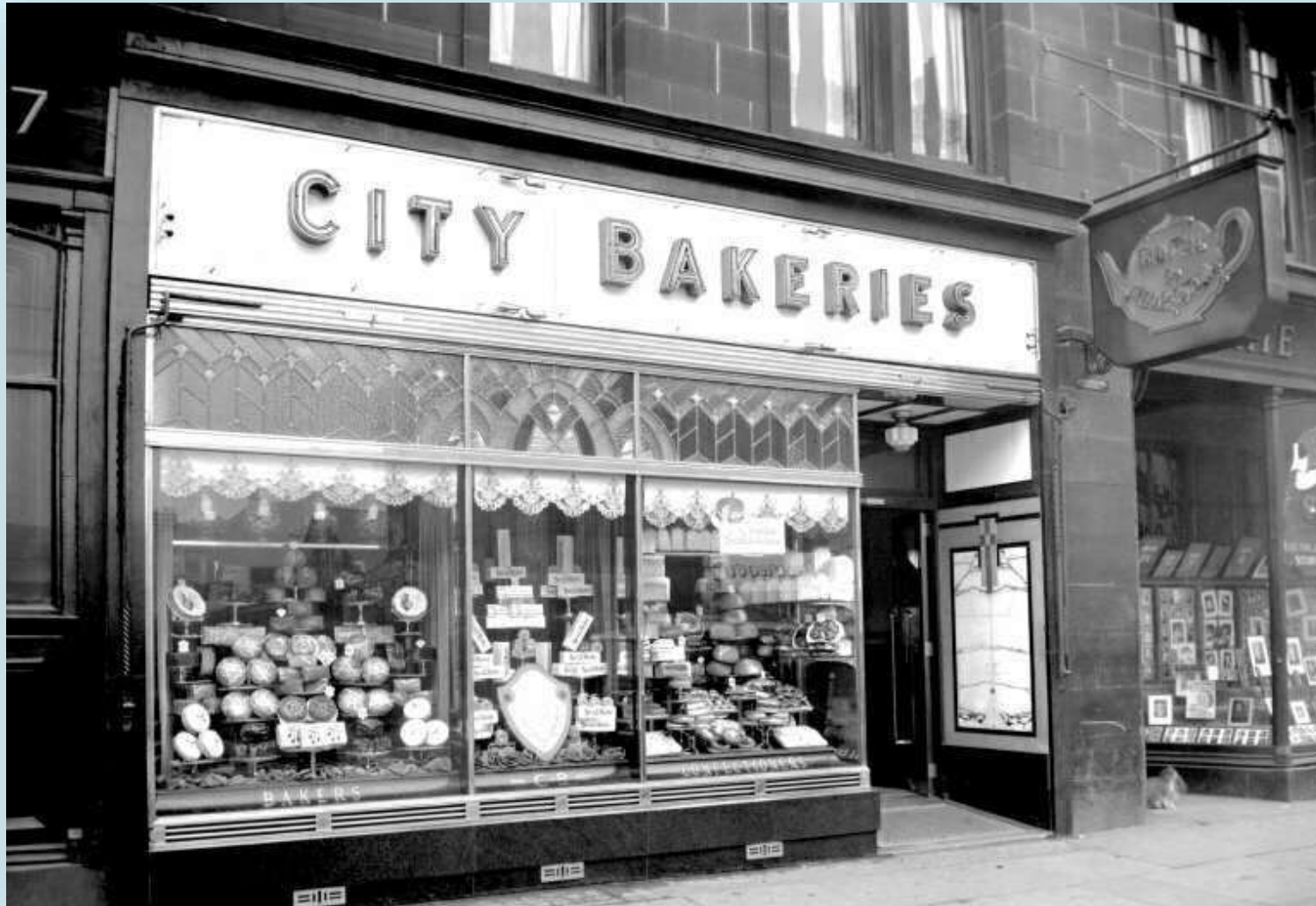


FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND THE CONSTITUTION

LOCHNER V. NEW YORK (1905)



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ROE V. WADE (1973)



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THE BILL OF RIGHTS

- *Schenck v. United States* (1919)
- *West Virginia v. Barnette* (1943)
- *Mapp v. Ohio* (1961)
- *Kelo v. City of New London* (2005)



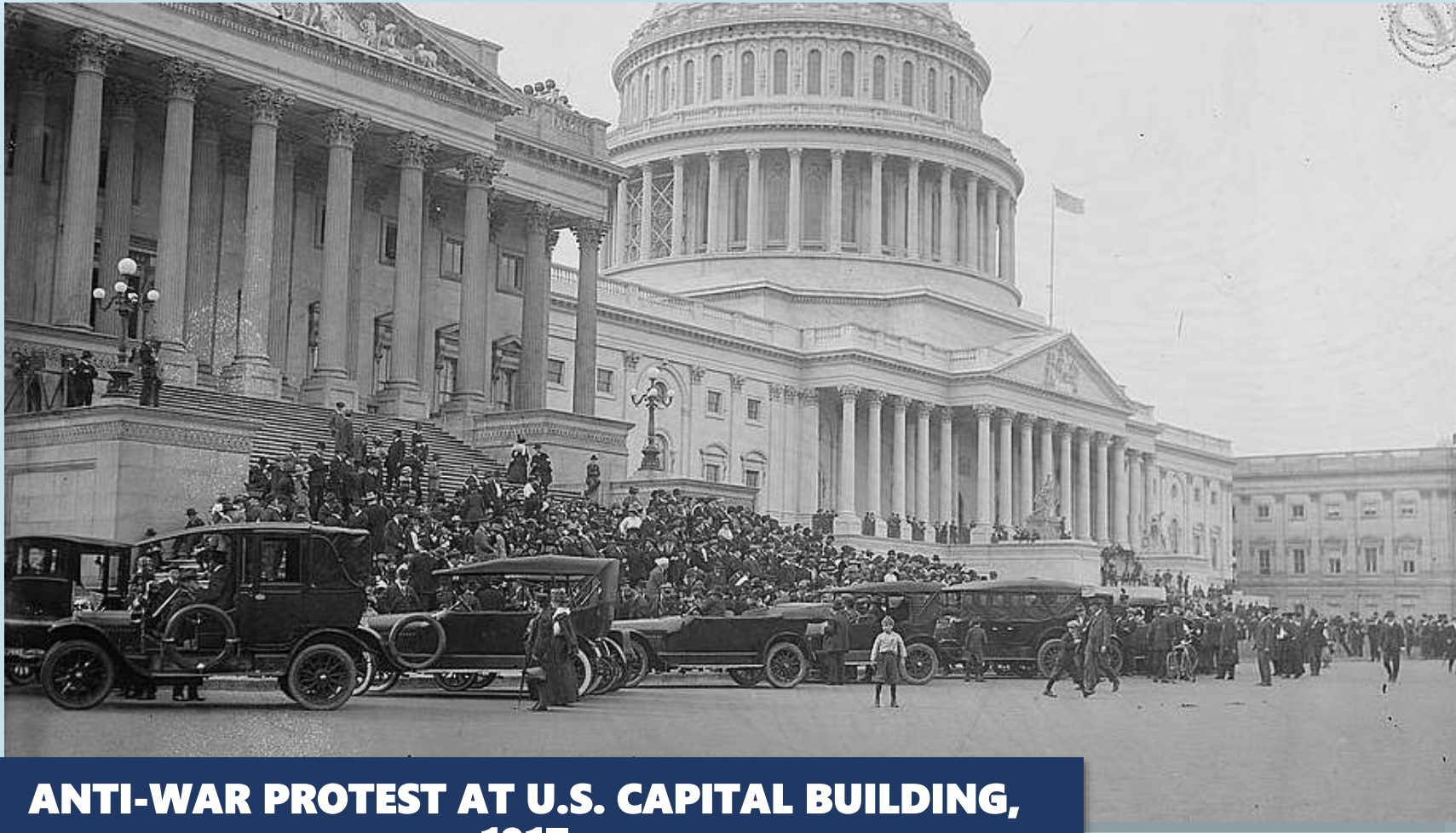
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SCHENCK V. UNITED STATES (1919)



**ANTI-WAR PROTEST AT U.S. CAPITAL BUILDING,
1917**



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***WEST VIRGINIA V. BARNETTE* (1943)**



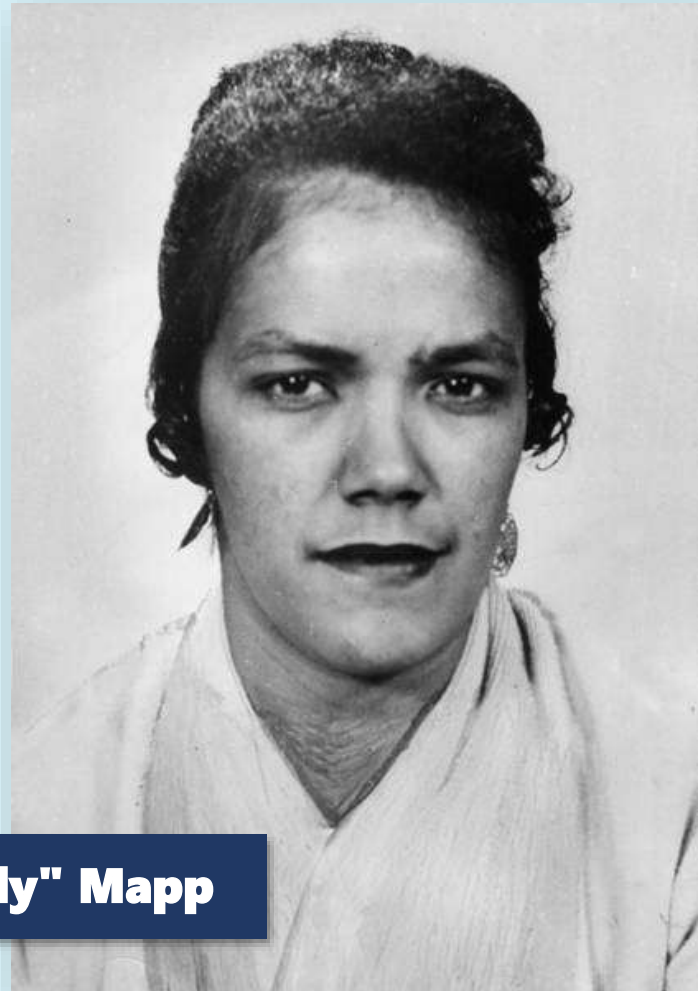
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MAPP V. OHIO (1961)



Dollree "Dolly" Mapp



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KELO V. CITY OF NEW LONDON (2005)



Suzette Kelo



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BATTLES OVER PRESIDENTIAL POWER

- *Korematsu v. United States* (1944)
- *Youngstown Sheet & Tube v. Sawyer* (1952)
- *U.S. v. Nixon* (1974)



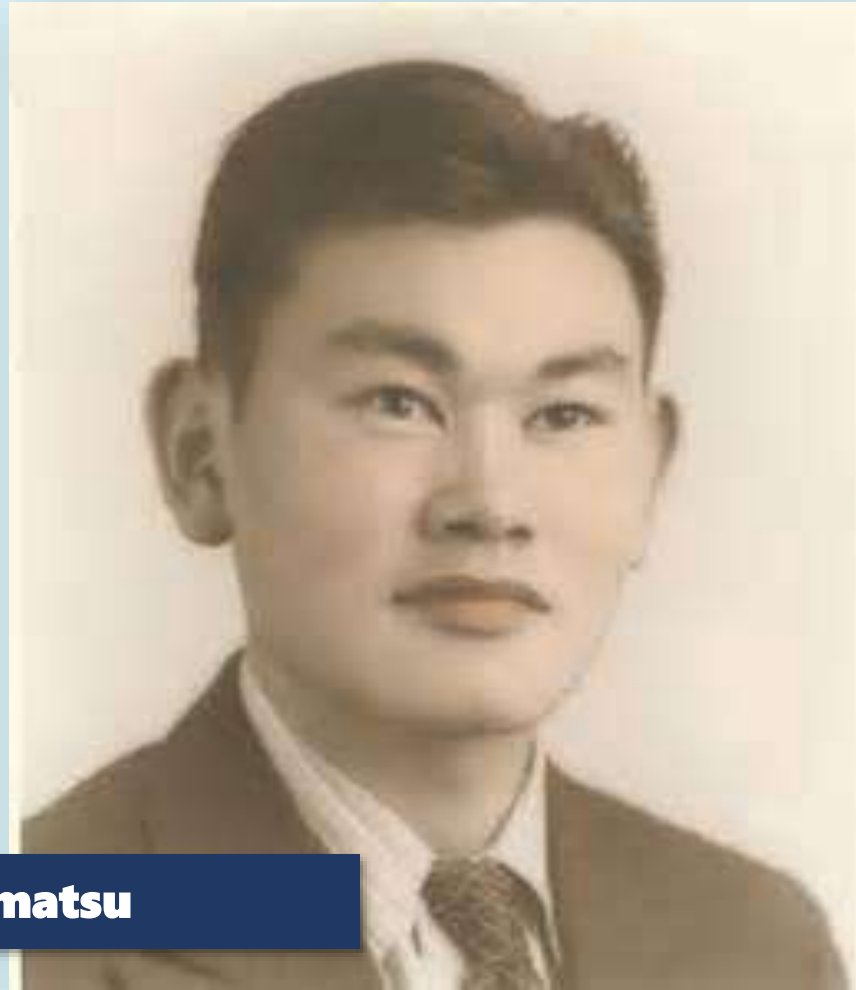
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BATTLES OVER PRESIDENTIAL POWER

KOREMATSU V. UNITED STATES (1944)



Fred Korematsu



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BATTLES OVER PRESIDENTIAL POWER

YOUNGSTOWN SHEET & TUBE V. SAWYER **(1952)**



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U.S. V. NIXON (1974)



President Richard Nixon



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THE CONSTITUTION IN THE SCHOOL

- *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District* (1969)
- *New Jersey v. T.L.O.* (1985)
- *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* (1988)



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THE CONSTITUTION IN THE SCHOOL

TINKER V. DES MOINES (1969)



Mary Beth and John Tinker



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NEW JERSEY V. T.L.O. (1985)



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THE CONSTITUTION IN THE SCHOOL

HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT V. KUHLMIEER (1988)



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