

Civics Remote Learning 8

How the Supreme Court's Decisions affect American Lives

Background:

To conclude our brief study of the Supreme Court, you'll choose one of eight important Supreme Court cases from the 2010s. These cases are all important because they have a direct impact on wide swaths of American society.

Directions:

Below, you'll see a list of nine cases. They're organized by year and topic.

Choose one that looks interesting to you and do some brief research on the case (wikipedia, news articles) and write a response to this prompt:

“How does your chosen case illustrate the power of the Supreme Court?”

In your response:

- Explain what the case was
- Describe how it has impacted Americans
- Describe why the decision is controversial

The response should be at least five sentences long.

Important Supreme Court Cases of the 2010s

Money in politics — Citizens United v. FEC (2010)

Forced arbitration — AT&T v. Concepcion (2011)

Medicaid — NFIB v. Sebelius (2012)

Voting rights — Shelby County v. Holder (2013)

Religion — Burwell v. Hobby Lobby (2014)

The regulatory state — King v. Burwell (2015)

Marriage equality — Obergefell v. Hodges (2015)

Defunding unions — Janus v. AFSCME (2018)

Civil rights — Trump v. Hawaii (2018)