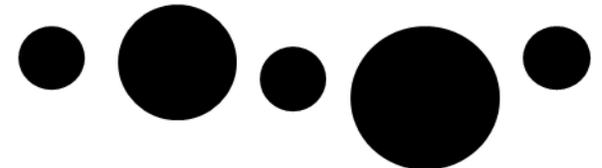
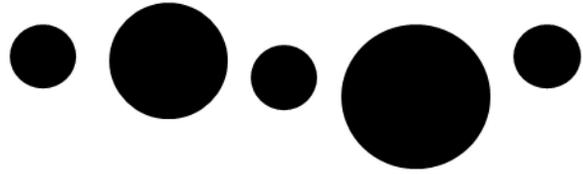




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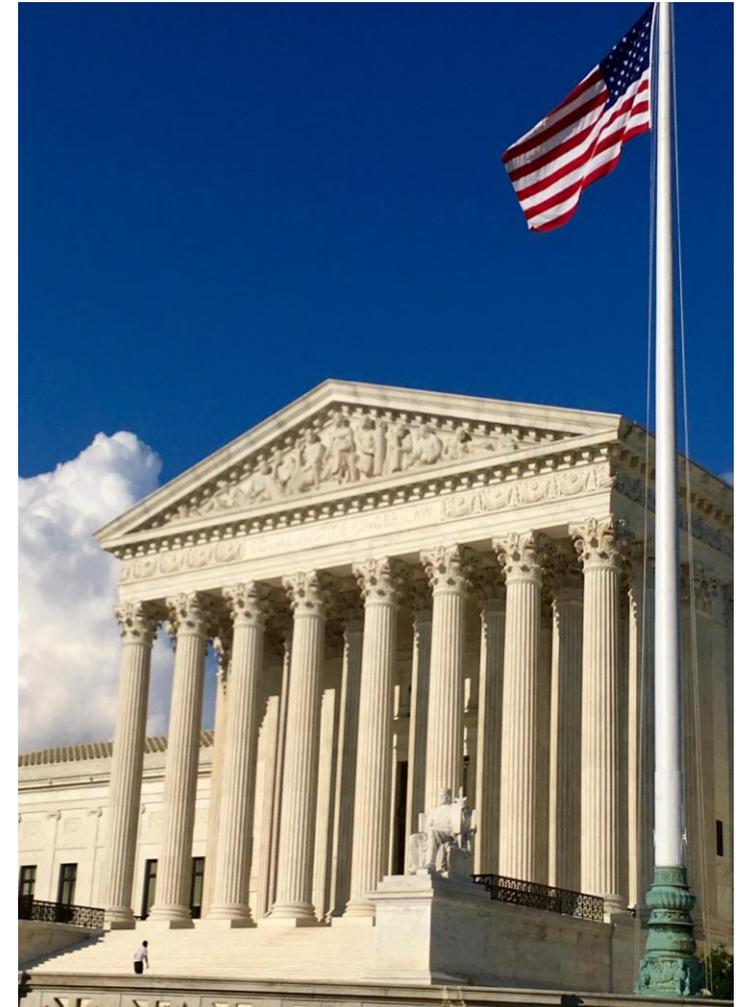
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- Court cases represent the convergence of social, political, and economic forces—they represent a historical moment in time
- Court cases are narratives or stories of real lives being impacted by legal interpretation
- Consider how you might highlight that historical moment for students through using primary sources which represent beliefs and cultural values of the time period



Scott v Sandford (1857)

To the Pro-Slavery or Southern Rights Party.

The time has now arrived, to test the *real* interest the Southern or States Rights Party feel for the perpetuity of our institutions. Congress has at last blotted or "Expunged" from the Statute Books, that unjust and unconstitutional enactment, the Missouri Compromise, and solemnly recognised the great doctrines so long fruitlessly contended for, by that party. Now, that the wall which has so long barred our progress, has been broken down, and we are permitted to go, with all our property whithersoever we please; will we permit this opportunity for restoring that just equilibrium between the Slave-holding and non-Slave-holding States, to pass unimproved.

The Anti-Slavery Bugle.

Salem, Ohio, June 3, 1854.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE?

Our resistance to the Nebraska bill has proved useless. The bill has passed. It is law. What now can we do, cry the despairing and the indolent. What can we do, also say the earnest-minded. Our answer is ready. Dissolve partnership with the faithless traitors, who repudiate their bonds—with the shameless despots, who covet the whole earth, that they may strew it with chains. Do not trouble yourselves about the wilds and prairies of Nebraska, but close in a death-lock with slavery. Let the North thunder in the ears of the South, the only proposition she can honorably or honestly make—DISSOLUTION or ABOLITION. *Abolition, immediate and entire.* Our unions shall be only with freemen. We shall scorn the alliance of tyrants, as we scorn to be slaves. If the South insists upon

Squatter Sovereign (Atchison, Kan. Terr.), March 6, 1855, Page 2, Image 2, col. 1.

Anti-Slavery Bugle (New-Lisbon, OH), June 3, 1854, Page 2, Image 2, col. 1-4.

-This image is from our [The Civil War: the Nation Moves Toward War Primary Source set](#). In it, you will find several primary sources to choose which offer a broad perspective of America on the eve of The Civil War and can help situate the case in its historical moment.



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Holy Bible .
Thou shalt not deliver unto the master his servant which has escaped from his master unto thee. He shall dwell with thee: Even among you in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates where it liketh him best. Thou shalt not oppress him .
Deut XXIII 15, 16

Effects of the Fugitive-Slave-Law.
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Declaration of independence .
We hold that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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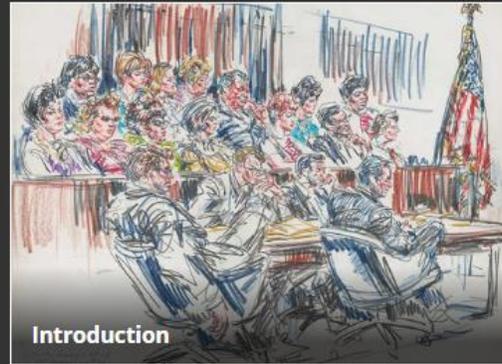
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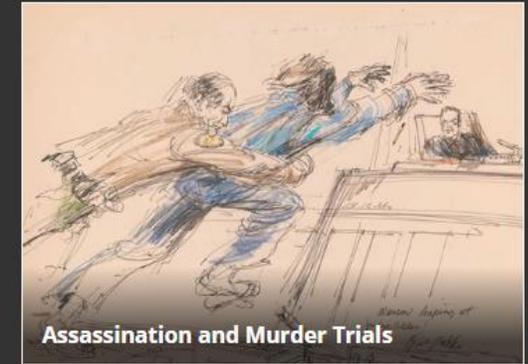
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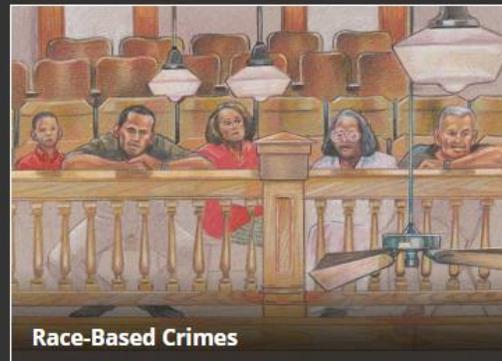
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Significant Landmark Supreme Court Case Primary Sources



Satire Is Protected Free Speech

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Justice Blackmun
Supreme Court
Washington, DC, 20545

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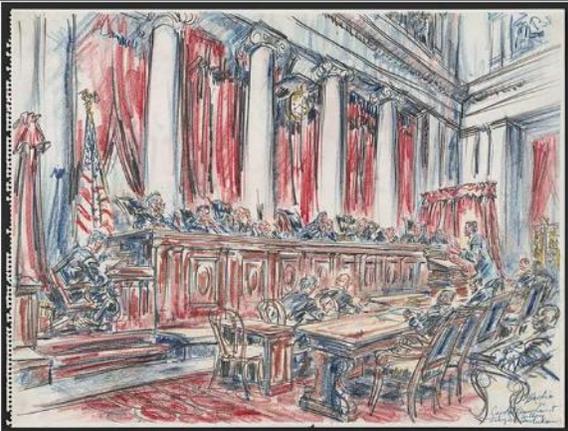
Aftermath of the recent Supreme Court's unanimous decision to defend Larry Flint, we Rev. Falwell,

- I. Disturbed by the unanimous decision of the high court which states the intent of the writer of the First Amendment's freedom of speech rights was to protect pornography-satire. This is inconsistent with the moral character of the Founding Fathers. This is repugnant to the segment of society that still respects Judeo-Christian principles. Is not the law broken when there is an ~~absence~~ of protection of rights?
- II. Total disapproval of the explanation of the writer of the decision. Chief Justice Marshall who states that pornography-satire should not be offensive to any one. Man the Judge can be the final authority of what the moral standard of morality for its citizen should be there is great concern about America's legal system. Justice Anthony Scalia states that for a mother to be accused of having a criminal, pedophile who has sex and an incestuous affair in an out-house in her free ordinary satirical literature, still be agreed to defend Mr. Flint? The deterioration of "U.S.A." 's moral standards needs restrict not license.
- III. We are disappointed in the high court's lack of balance in interpreting the civil rights of all Americans.
- IV. The high court has given Hustler the same, illogical, etc. the "excessive freedom" which leads to unrestrained in any literary expression... pornography is not illegal!
- V. In 1985, Justice Judges decided the should live. In 1988, Justice Judges decided ~~REV~~ society should live. We are saddened and concerned.

Sincerely,
Rev. Falwell

3/21/87

Public Opinion on *Hustler v. Falwell*



Death Penalty Argued Before the Supreme Court

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20542

CHIEF OF JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS
June 26, 1972

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

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In my opinion in the Capital Cases I would add the following to the paragraph on the last page:

Any law which is non-discriminatory on its face may be applied in such a way as to violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Mich. ex v. Houchins, 118 U.S. 356. Such consequence might be the adding of a mandatory death penalty where equal or lesser sentences were imposed on the elite, a harsher one on the minorities or members of the lower caste. Whether a mandatory death penalty would otherwise be constitutional is a question I do not reach. I would vacate each of these judgments.

W. O. D.

Two Views on *Furman v. Georgia*



Memorandum to the Conference on the Pledge Case

I repeat, for most to the last time, the decision on this case depends on whether you consider the action of the regents as "admitting" certain students or as "excluding" certain other students. Toward one end we see "complete" equality; affirmative action to remove vestiges of slavery by "not and brand". Toward the other end we see "quotas" "constitution is color blind" etc. Take your choice.



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- Search with general term
Example: due process

- Yielded several results and some surprising ones.

- ***Puck*** Magazine covers are rich with imagery/content

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PHOTO, PRINT, DRAWING
"Due process of law"
1 print : chromolithograph. | Illustration shows Justice, wearing a crown labeled "Law" and carrying a sword and scales, riding on the back of a snail, climbing a steep hill strewn with bolders labeled "Certificate of reasonable doubt, Appeals, Change of venue, Injunction, [and] Stays" toward the "Hall of Justice" at the top of the hill.
Contributor: Ehrhart, S. D. - Ehrhart, S. D. (Samuel D.)
Date: 1903-12-23

PHOTO, PRINT, DRAWING
"Due process of law"
1 photomechanical print : offset, color. | Illustration shows a man wearing a top hat labeled "Lawyer", sitting on a pile of money bags labeled "Fees" in a cart drawn by a donkey labeled "The Law"; the reins are labeled "Red Tape" and the harness is labeled "Technicalities" and "Delays", hanging from a whip just beyond the donkey's reach is a carrot labeled "Conviction..."
Contributor: Crawford, Will
Date: 1912-01-03

"What fools these mortals be!"

Puck

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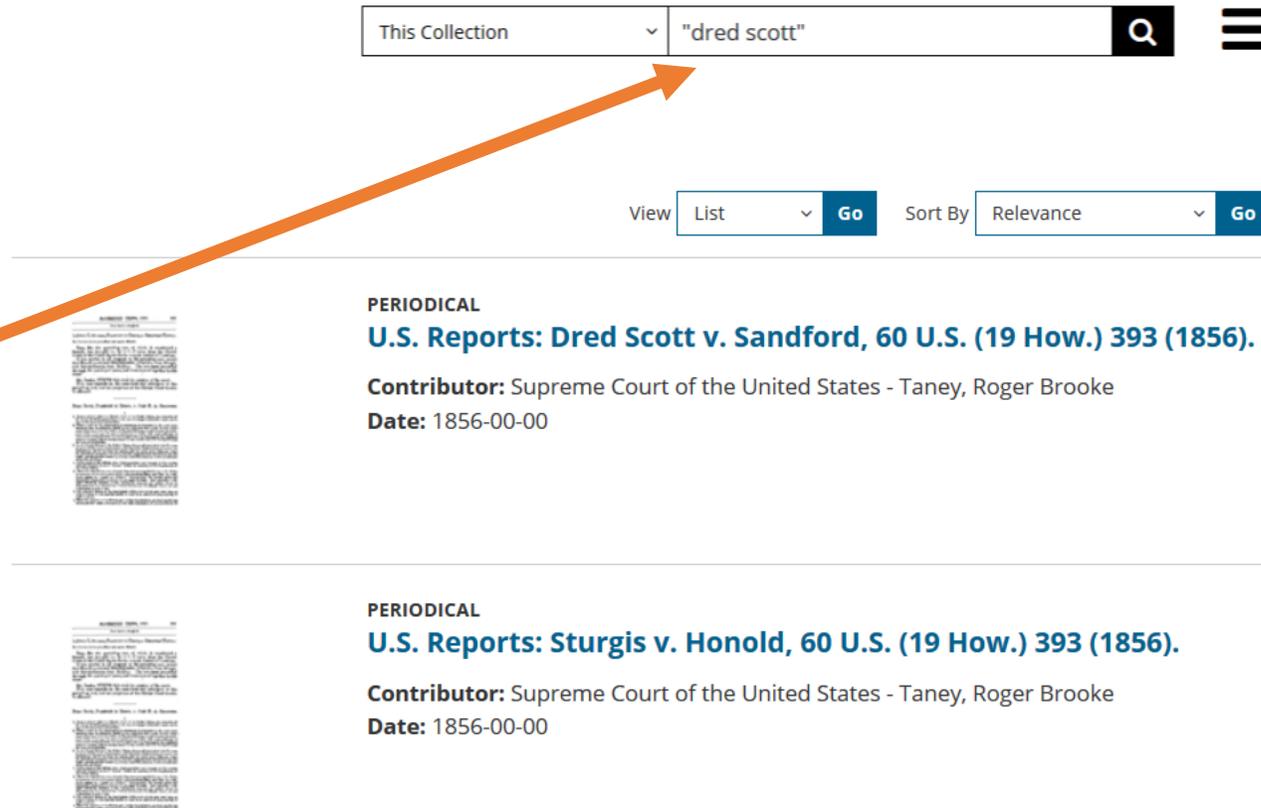
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