Court Cases Study Guide

1. Gideon v. Wainwright

A man stole some money from a cigarette machine and a pint of wine. He was sent to jail. During his court case, he asked to be given a lawyer. The judge told him no. The man appealed his case to the Supreme Court, and they decided the state should have provided the man with a lawyer. **6th Amendment**

1. Engle v. Vitale

A school district decided that all teachers should start the school day with a prayer. If students did not want to pray, they were allowed to leave the classroom. A group of parents sued the school stating that their first amendment right to freedom of religion was being violated. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the parents. **1st Amendment**

1. Feiner v. New York

A man in a city was standing on a box speaking to a crowd. He told the people to grab their guns and fight the government. He also called the mayor a bum. Police let the man talk until the crowd began to get restless and started to push and shove. The police arrested the man. The man took this to court saying his first amendment rights were violated. However, the Supreme Court rule freedom of speech limited when a person is inciting violence. **1st Amendment**

1. Chicago v. Morales

A city made a law that said anyone who looked like a gang member may not loiter outside of businesses. A group of men were arrested for appearing to be in a gang and loitering. A man in this group sued the city for making this law. The Supreme Court declared this law unconstitutional. **1st Amendment**

1. Brown v. Board of Education

An African American girl was not allowed to go to the white school close to her house. Instead, she had to walk a longer way to attend an all-black school. The little girl’s parents sued saying this was a violation of their 14th amendment rights. The Supreme Court agreed. **14th Amendment**