



Worksheet 1 – Ordering Key Supreme Court Decisions

Study the list of cases and their significance below and note them on the table according to the correct year. Note then in the right hand column whether each case was a constitutional matter or one that involved a question of civil or individual rights.

	Date	Case	Significance	Constitution/Rights
1	1803			
2	1819			
3	1857			
4	1896			
5	1954			
6	1973			
7	1974			
8	2000			
9	2010			
10	2015			

Case	Significance
Plessy v. Ferguson	Established the federal government's implied powers over the states.
McCullough v. Maryland	Halted Florida recount in the 2000 presidential election.
Brown v. Board of Education	Upheld "separate but equal" segregation laws in states.
Marbury v. Madison	President cannot use executive privilege to withhold evidence from criminal trial.
Dred Scott v. Sandford	Women have a constitutional right to terminate pregnancy during the first two trimesters.
Obergefell v. Hodges	Denied citizenship to African American slaves.
Bush v. Gore	Legalizes same-sex marriage across all 50 states.
Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission	No limit to Corporation and union spending in elections.
US v. Nixon	Unconstitutional to separate black and white students in public schools.
Roe v. Wade	Established the Supreme Court's power of judicial review.