

Your Name
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Public Justice 201
Paper #1 First Draft

Brown v. Smith
(Plaintiff v. Defendant)

Your last name, presiding Judge. (Remember you are the judge!) This is the format to follow for your papers. The papers, approximately two pages in length, should be fashioned after the cases you have been reading in the textbook, or the statute provided by Ryniker. The margins should be 1" at the top, bottom, left and right side, and font size 10, 11, or 12 point only. The first paragraph describes the issue in the case. Recall that in the cases you have been reading, the issue begins with the word whether. For example, "the issue before the court is whether blah blah blah".

The second paragraph describes the facts of the case as they have been presented to you. You do not need to invent any more facts here.

The third paragraph describes the best argument for side number one, the plaintiff. You should demonstrate that you understand some of the legal terminology by accurately applying it to the argument. When you cite a previous court case that supports the argument, you must cite the case in this way: "In Sawyer v. Pine Oil Sales Co., 155 F. 2d 855, 856 (5th Cir. 1946), the court held blah blah blah."

The fourth paragraph describes the best argument for side number two, the defendant. Again when citing a case that supports the argument, cite in the same way as above.

The fifth paragraph describes the courts holding, or the conclusion. Recall again that in the textbook the holdings are announced something like this, "Therefore, based on the evidence presented to this court, we find blah blah blah."