

LESSON PLANS

LEGAL PRECEDENT AND SCOTUS

Consult [Turning Supreme Court Cases into Powerful Classroom Learning](#) for guidance on student-centric, humanizing pedagogy when teaching U.S. law and legal decisions.

GENERAL SCOTUS

- [Practice with Precedents](#) National Constitution Center | Grades: 9-12, 60 min - Includes a “matching” activity between court cases and legal precedents.
- [The Power and Importance of Precedent in the Decisions of the Supreme Court](#) Grades: 9-12 | 135 min - Includes 10 student handouts / activities.
- [Interactions Between the Branches](#) Supreme Court Historical Society - Asks: “According to X, what is the job of the Supreme Court?” and students compare Article III of the Constitution, Federalist Paper #78, *Marbury v. Madison*, and FDR’s 1937 “Fireside Chat.”
- [Legal Precedent: From Griswold v. CN to Roe v. Wade to Same-Sex Marriage](#) | C-SPAN - Includes 8 clips with extension activities.
- [SCOTUS “Tournament” / Bracketology AP Gov Cases](#) - Includes 14 lesson plans, dozens of videos, and is adaptable to be completed as a class or independently in person, hybrid, or through distance learning.
- [“On This Day in History”](#) C-SPAN ongoing resource database

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

INTERRACIAL

- [“*Loving v. Virginia* \(1967\) The Supreme Court decision upholding equal protection and due process in regard to interracial marriage”](#) with background, definitions, and historical questions | Supreme Court Historical Society
- [“Practice SCOTUS FRQ - *Loving v. Virginia*”](#) | C-SPAN
- [“Video Clip: *Loving v. Virginia*”](#) | C-SPAN

PRIMARY SOURCES

- “Did Virginia’s antimiscegenation law violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment?” | Oral Argument April 10, 1967 | [LISTEN \(2:16:26\)](#)
- “Excerpt: Majority Opinion, Chief Justice Earl Warren” | [READ](#)

LGBTQI+

- [“History of marriage arguments in *Obergefell v. Hodges*”](#) (3 clips) | C-SPAN
 - [“On This Day: Obergefell v Hodges Decided”](#) (2 clips) | C-SPAN
 - [“On This Day in History Handout”](#) | C-SPAN
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