

# Graphic Organizer

## Constitutional Theory and its Outcomes

**Directions:** After reading the Supreme Court justices' opinions, fill out the graphic organizer and answer the comprehension questions below.

Speech	Justice Roberts's Majority Opinion	Justice Stevens's Dissenting Opinion
Summary of constitutional argument		
Do you agree with the constitutional argument? Explain.		

Summary of the Justice's belief the real-world end result will be		
Are you happy with the end result of the decision? Explain.		

## Comprehension Questions

1. Which is more important to consider when analyzing a Supreme Court case, the constitutional reasoning or the real-world end result of the decision? Or are they equally important? Why?

2. People may sometimes agree with the constitutional reasoning but dislike the real-world outcome (or vice versa). How should these competing views be reconciled?

3. What do you believe is the Supreme Court's job when it comes to national issues like student free speech?