

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT – AP GOVERNMENT

Read Chapters 1 – 4 of *The Case Against the Supreme Court* by Erwin Chemerinsky. Chemerinsky's primary thesis is that the Supreme Court has failed to protect the rights of Americans from the power of government and corporations and uphold the Constitution. As you read, think about two court cases to discuss in detail.

You will write at least one single-spaced page to describe the issues for two court cases from the book:

- Describe each case and the Court's decision.
- Identify the right or liberty in each case and whether it was strengthened or weakened by the Court's decision.
- Explain how each case supports or fails to support Chemerinsky's thesis.
- Explain the Court's justification for its decisions.
- Speculate about the influences that affected the Court's decisions.