

## Assignment: Supreme Court Case Analysis

**Instructions:** Choose a Supreme Court of Canada Case to perform an in-depth analysis of.

*Sample Outline:*

Paragraph 1: Introduction review **facts** of the case and the main **issue** of decision in the Supreme Court

Paragraph 2: In-depth discussion of the main **issue** as it relates to the applicable law

Paragraph 3 and 4: **Appeal Process** - decisions at different levels of court. Discuss how each court analyzed the main issue.

Paragraph 5: Supreme Court of Canada Decision - Review the main **issue** and the **significance** of decision. What impact will it have going forward? Any precedent set?

**FACTS:** What are the facts of the case?

Basic questions to ask about the case:

1. Who are the parties involved?
2. What is the applicable law?
3. What happened to give rise to this case?

**ISSUE:** What are the questions of law the Court is being asked to answer? Very often these questions will begin with the word “**whether**”.

**APPEALS PROCESS:** What did the trial judge decide? What was the basis for appeal? Which party is the appellant and which is the respondent? What was decided at courts of appeal and what was the justification?

**SUPREME COURT DECISION:** What did the court decide and what were the reasons for the decision? How was the issue of law interpreted? Was there a precedent set by the case?

**SIGNIFICANCE:** What is the significance of the decision? What does it mean to the Canadian public? Justify your response, do not simply state your opinion. Analyze the decision and its effects and potential effects on future cases and society.

**Requirements:**

- 5 paragraphs /1000 words
- At least 3 sources cited in MLA