Opinion of the Court

*School District of Abington Township v. Schempp* (1963)

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

**Main Investigation Question:** Did the county violate the petitioner’s constitutional rights? Is the law in question constitutional?

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| *Precedents say…*  What is a precedent?  What is the court precedent for this case (name of the case)?  What was the finding of the court in that precedent? | *The Constitution says…*  List the amendments cited in the case brief.  What text of the Constitution will your Supreme Court use in order to come to your verdict? Find 2 examples from the Constitution. Quote/cite the text below. |

The Verdict of the Supreme Court

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| **Justices in Agreement** | **Justices in Dissent** |
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**Directions:** Write out the decision of your Supreme Court in the space below. In your response, include the precedent and the text from the Constitution that helped you to come to your verdict.

**After the decision is made:**

Explain how the Supreme Court makes decisions on a case. How is the Bill of Rights important in this process?