

Writing a Case Brief: One Approach

Full Citation of Case:

Facts of the Case [brief explanation of what happened]:

Relevant Historical Background and Context:

Issues of the Case [what the Court must decide]:

Relevant Precedents [what parts of the Constitution, and what previous cases, must the Justices consider]:

Court's Decision [include vote as well as any mandated action]:

Court's Reasoning [how do they justify their ruling]:

Notable Concurrent or Dissenting Opinions [if there are any]: