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Landmark Supreme Court Cases
VIDEO VIEWING GUIDE

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Landmark Supreme Court Civil Liberties Cases Video: Nixon, Bush, Heller

Question	List Specific Evidence from the Video	Complete Sentence
1. What make a court case a landmark case?		
2. What are 'civil rights'?		
3. What power did the Supreme Court claim after the <i>Marbury v. Madison</i> (1803) case?		
4. What happened at the Watergate Hotel in the 1970s that helped lead to the case ' <i>United States v. Nixon</i> '?		
5. What is executive privilege?		

<p>6. Why did Nixon believe he did not have to turn over recordings or tapes to help in the Watergate investigation?</p>		
<p>7. What argument did the government make in <i>United States v. Nixon</i> (1974)?</p>		
<p>8. What impact did the case of <i>United States v. Nixon</i> (1974) have on society?</p>		
<p>9. What role did the state of Florida play in the case <i>Bush v. Gore</i> (2000)?</p>		
<p>10. According to the Bush campaign, why would not stopping the recount in Florida have been seen as a violation of the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause?</p>		

<p>11. What is a precedent?</p>		
<p>12. Why did the Supreme Court believe the Florida recount violated the 14th Amendment?</p>		
<p>13. How might the decision in <i>Bush v. Gore</i> (2000) be an example of the Supremacy Clause in action?</p>		
<p>14. What constitutional right did Heller argue was being violated by Washington, D.C. in the <i>District of Columbia v. Heller</i> (2008) case?</p>		
<p>15. How did the decision of the Supreme Court in <i>District of Columbia v. Heller</i> (2008) impact society?</p>		
<p>16. Based on what you learned about the U.S. Supreme Court in <i>United States v. Nixon</i>, how would you respond to a president who declares that 'If a president does it, that means it is NOT illegal'?</p>		