



Lesson Plan for *Roe v. Wade* 1973

Learning Objectives: The student will

1. Answer comprehension questions while watching the video of *Roe v. Wade* 1973 found on Oyez, Oyez, O Yay! website.
2. Express personal opinions about key facts, the arguments, decision, and impact of the Roe case on the interpretation of privacy rights implied in the Ninth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

TEKS: Govt. 12E

Materials Needed: Access to Oyez, Oyez, O Yay! website found at www.texasbar.com/civics (Roe video and case study); copies of the viewing guide for each student.

Teaching Strategy:

1. Explain to the students that they are going to view a video on the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court case of *Roe v. Wade*. Set the case up by explaining this is an important case in U.S. history and illustrates how the Supreme Court has interpreted the implied privacy rights guaranteed in the Ninth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.
2. Pair the students up and distribute a viewing guide to each student. Have the students preview the guide with a partner to discuss the questions they will be asked to answer. After they have discussed their ideas on the guide, explain that they will be watching the video and answering the questions individually.
3. Play the video, stopping at the designated time on the teacher notes for the students to individually answer the comprehension questions as well as complete the “Stop and Think” section. Ask for volunteers to share their thoughts before going to the next section of the video. Continue this process until the video has come to an end.
4. Explain that the last portion of the guide contains quotes from the various opinions from Justices in the case. After they analyze each they are to pick the one that most fits their opinion and explain their reasoning. The guide concludes with students individually answering a question that asks the students to decide if they believe the Supreme Court is within their powers to interpret rights or should the people be allowed to vote on the interpretation of what they want the rights to be. After answering this question, they should turn in the viewing guide.