## **Title**

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# FACTS:

1. Who did what to whom, when, where and why?
2. Who initiated the legal action? Where?, Why?

**LEGAL ISSUES:**

1. What are the legal arguments made by each side?
2. What is(are) the basic legal doctrine(s) involved – e.g., Constitutional Law, Agency Authority, Powers of the State, Common Law issues like nuisance or trespass, etc.

**COURT HISTORY:**

1. Where was the original case tried (i.e., what court)? What was the outcome?
2. Who appealed and why? What was the outcome?
3. What court is hearing the case now?
4. Have the arguments of either party changed during the trial and appeal process?

**COURT DECISION:**

1. What is the decision of the appellate court?
2. Why did the justice(s) decide the case as they did, i.e., what was their reasoning?
3. Was the decision (if tried en banc) unanimous?
4. If not was there a dissenting opinion? What was the reason for the dissent?
5. Was there concurring opinion(s)? What were their reasons?

**APPLICATION:** (All cases will not touch on all of the following but each case will deal with at least one of them)

1. What does this case have to say about the powers, authorities and responsibilities of government agencies and their employees?
2. What does the case have to say about the way government powers are shared among various levels of government and agencies?
3. What does this case have to say about the way a government official goes about his or her daily activities?