



# Webquest Webquest

By using the US Courts Educational Outreach website found at <http://www.uscourts.gov/outreach/index.html> you will have the opportunity to learn about the federal court system, important issues concerning students and the courts, and other governmental information.

## **Contemporary Topics**

Under “Interactive Court Simulations: Contemporary Topics,” click on the [All Topics...](#) link.

1. As you look at the contemporary topics, decide on one issue that you would like to learn more about and click on that issue.
  - 1.1. Read the background to the issue. What is your opinion regarding this issue? Please write you answer below.
  
  - 1.2. Read the facts and case summary for your issue. After reading the rest of the information provided, has your opinion changed on this issue? Why or Why not?

## **Legal Landmarks**

Click on the [Legal Landmarks](#) link at the bottom right of the homepage. Once there, click on the [12 Landmark Supreme Court Cases about Students](#) link. Please answer the hypothetical questions below using the information on the webpage.

1. Your school principals want to remove Ernest Hemingway’s novel *Farwell to Arms* from the school library because they find the graphic depiction of WWI offensive. Can they do this? Why or why not?
  
2. One day you decide to wear a t-shirt to school that features a picture of the famous communist revolutionary Ché Guevara because you support his ideals. Can your school make you change your shirt because they do not like the message of communism that Guevara stressed? Why or why not?

## **Newsroom**

Please click on the [Newsroom](#) link on the top toolbar of the Educational Outreach homepage. Once in the [Newsroom](#) page, please answer the following questions.

1. Follow the [Video News Archive](#) on the left side margin of the screen. Watch one of the news videos on the page.
  - 1.1. After you have watched one of the videos, summarize what you learned in the video.
  - 1.2. What information in the video can you use to impact your own life?

## **U.S. Courts Library**

Please click on the [Library](#) found on the top toolbar on Educational Outreach homepage. Once in the [Library](#) page, please answer the following questions.

1. Follow the [Judicial Ethics and Conduct](#) link to answer the following questions:
  - 1.1. Can a US Judge take part in political rallies or host political fundraising dinners?
  - 1.2. If you want to report a judge for misconduct, you will need to complete a misconduct form from your circuit court. Write the link for your circuit's misconduct form below.
2. Follow the [Statistical Reports](#) link to answer the following questions:
  - 2.1. How many arrests and convictions were there in 2007 from wiretapping?
3. Follow the [Web Resources](#) link on the [Library](#) page, and then click the [USA.gov](#) link to answer the following questions:
  - 3.1. Use the [Travel and Recreation](#) link followed by the [International Travel](#) link
    - 3.1.1. If you were traveling to Jamaica, what exchange rate should you get on your money?
    - 3.1.2. If you were traveling to the South Pacific island nation of Tuvalu, what would you need to have to enter the country?
  - 3.2. Use the [Voting and Elections](#) link on [USA.gov](#), followed by the [Contact Elected Officials](#) link
    - 3.2.1. Your history class has raised money to taking a class trip to Mexico to view Mayan ruins at the great city state of Palenque. However, it is five days before you are suppose to fly out, and you still don't have your passports. You know that your Congressmen or Congresswomen for your district can help with this. Write their contact information below.