First Amendment Cases

Our case is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Our group is the (**circle one**) PETITIONER (the person or persons bringing the case to court) or RESPONDENT (the person or persons being sued or taken to court)
2. These are the facts of the case:

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

1. A **precedent** is a case that was decided earlier and is similar to your case. The Supreme Court always takes precedents into account before making a decision. Please choose two precedents and complete the following:

Precedent 1

1. Essential Facts:

1.

2.

3.

1. Legal Issue:
2. Holding (what did the courts decide?)

Precedent 2

1. Essential Facts:

1.

2.

3.

1. Legal Issue:
2. Holding (what did the courts decide?)
3. Write a clear and concise statement of your team’s opinion of the case.
4. What constitutional rights pertain to your case?
5. Write a brief summary of the key details presented in a way that **clearly favors your assigned position.**