Case Title

Thesis statement that includes a clear position (ruling recommendation) and a preview of the line of reasoning.

Your brief should:

1. Identify the clauses of the Constitution that are the most relevant to the case at hand and your precedent cases.
2. Explain the similarity in the facts between *Case Name*and the required *Precedent* cases that led to similar holdings.
3. Briefly explain the impact of this ruling on the governmental principle (topic) of the hypothetical case.

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| **Position Statement** | The position statement provides a clear, strong statement of the author's position on the case. | 1 point  |
| **Constitutional Underpinnings** | All of the evidence and examples from the Constitution are specifically tied to their relevant application within the case and clearly support the author’s position.  | 0-2 points |
| **Evidence and Examples** | All of the evidence and examples are specific, relevant and explanations are given that show how each piece of evidence supports the author\'s position. | 1 point per required case |
| **Impact of the Ruling** | The potential impact of the ruling is clearly stated and follows the author’s line of reasoning.  | 0-2 points  |
| **Required Elements** | Required court cases are used, word count within acceptable range (500-1000 words), and submission requirements were met. | 0-2 points  |