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Flag Burning Video -Johnson vs. Texas 1989
Government
Mr. Moran

The purpose of this video is to have the student explore the complexity of the First Amendment to the US Constitution. Flag Burning is an emotional topic because it emphasizes the clash between our Nation's symbol and one of its most prized rights. The student will write 10 MITS while watching the video. An MIT or Most Important Thing is a summary point or note that the student believes is crucial to their understanding of the topic. Then write a paragraph statement {5-7 sentence minimum} about what you learned from the video. Total point value for entire assignment is **15 Points.**

Student Handout 5

Class Poll

Read each item below and place a check in the appropriate column.

	Agree	Disagree
1. When Joey Johnson was arrested for burning the flag, his protest was a legitimate expression of free speech.	_____	_____
2. Any flag burning is a legitimate expression of free speech.	_____	_____
3. The Supreme Court made the wrong decision in <i>Texas v. Johnson</i> .	_____	_____
4. The Supreme Court was right in striking down the Flag Protection Act passed by Congress in response to the Court decision in <i>Texas v. Johnson</i> .	_____	_____
5. The Constitution should include an amendment protecting the flag from desecration.	_____	_____
6. A constitutional amendment protecting the flag would violate the free speech clause of the First Amendment.	_____	_____
7. Joey Johnson is a radical.	_____	_____
8. Eugene "Red" McDaniel is a radical.	_____	_____
9. Protesters, regardless of their cause or their methods, deserve the protection of the Bill of Rights.	_____	_____
10. There are times when protesters do not deserve the protection of the Bill of Rights.	_____	_____