CLASS INSTRUCTIONS

1. You will be given a list of cases to brief, according to the format handed out separately. **YOU MUST BRIEF EVERY CASE!**

2. Make a notebook for your case briefs and additional notes for each case. Keep your briefs in the order in which they are listed.

3. For cases that are marked with an asterisk (*), make an additional copy of your brief, to turn in to me when asked.

4. Briefs turned in to me will be graded as a +2, +1, 0, or -1, depending upon the quality. If you do not have the brief prepared when asked for, you will receive a -2 for that brief.

5. **It is imperative that you begin immediately briefing all the cases.** And that you waste no time in briefing all the cases once you receive the full list. The class will move at various speeds and you will not be able to anticipate in advance which cases we will do on any particular day. You do not want to be caught not having the briefs prepared.

6. Each case will be briefed by the class members, out loud, and the case discussed fully, along with the relevant legal, political, and historical issues. **You MUST respond when called upon to present all or part of a brief.** **Failure to be prepared when called upon will result in a Zero for the day.**

7. You should endeavor to discover additional information about the cases not presented in the Court opinions that you use to create your brief. The more background details you can discover and discuss, the higher your participation grade. I will present various additional sources to you the first day of class.

8. The class will use the Socratic method of instruction, which requires everyone to respond out loud to questions that will be put either to individuals or to the class as a whole. You all will learn from each other, just as you learn from me. Again, it is imperative that you be prepared **EVERY DAY** for class.

9. For those of you who did not take POLS 4170 last semester, you will find it very helpful to seek out those in this class who did, to find out how that class worked.