PAPER ASSIGNMENTS

**Paper One** is to be a minimum of 6 pages discussing any “Court” except for the Roberts, Rehnquist, Warren, and Marshall Courts (that leaves you 12 Courts from which to select). The paper should include information or data or material on any of all of the following elements: the members of the Court (a must); various relationships among the Justices; important cases decided; significant contributions or advancements to society and/or the law; the Court’s decisions in the aggregate or the direction of the Court in the context of the historical era in which the Court operated; unusual characteristics of any of the Justices, any negative impacts on society or the law; any other material that you find particularly interesting, useful, or significant, whether positive or negative in character. **PAPER ONE IS DUE WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS.**

**Paper Two** is to a minimum of 8 pages providing a fulsome examination of one particular case that was decided by the Supreme Court any time between 1 October, 1995, and 30 June 2008. The paper **MUST INCLUDE** a case brief followed by a narrative discussion that will include information on: the proceedings in the lower courts; the actual hearing before the Court; the lawyers arguing the case; a lengthier discussion of the decision beyond the material in the brief; summaries of the party briefs; summaries of the amicus curiae briefs; and a summary of any publicity of the case before, during, or after the Court hearing. **PAPER TWO IS DUE WEDNESDAY, 1 DECEMBER AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS.**

1. Late papers will NOT be accepted. You know the topic and the due dates as of 25 August; that is sufficient advance notice for you to have the papers does well before the due date.

2. The paper MUST follow the composition requirements that accompany this instruction. The requirements are (a) very detailed and (b) not optional.

3. Papers will be graded according to the grading standards that accompany this instruction. You should use the grading standards in conjunction with the paper requirements to insure that you have conformed to all the necessary standards.

4. The 6 and 8 page minimums are just that – the bare minimum. If your paper is exactly 6 or 8 pages, it had better be just about perfect.