

**CHAPTER 7**

**Graphic Organizer Activity**

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<i>Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka</i>	1954	<i>Reversed the Plessy decision and declared that “separate but equal” facilities were “inherently unequal.”</i>	<i>Segregated schools were no longer allowed.</i>
<i>Miranda v. Arizona</i>	1966	<i>Ruled that a citizen must be informed of his or her rights when being questioned by the police.</i>	<i>This ensures that citizens are informed of their rights and as a result their rights will be protected. The “Miranda warnings” are considered parts of due process.</i>