**Honors Practical Law**

**“Formal Debate Preparation Research 2018”**

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1. Potential resources for this assignment:

<http://www.supremecourt.gov>

<http://www.law.cornell.edu>

<http://www.oyez.org>

1. Answer the following as you prepare for our formal debate over the 2nd Amendment and gun control, which will serve as a culminating event for the semester:
	1. Review the Supreme Court’s decision in *Presser v. Illinois* (1886), answering the following questions:
		1. Briefly explain the background of the case.
		2. What law was under review? State or federal?
		3. What was the Majority Opinion of the Supreme Court?
		4. Explain the significance.
	2. Review the Supreme Court’s decision in *U.S. v. Miller* (1939), answering the following:
		1. Who was the Chief Justice for this case?
		2. Explain the background of the case.
		3. What law was under review by the Supreme Court in this case?
		4. What was the majority opinion of the Court.
		5. Explain the significance of the decision.
	3. Review the Supreme Court’s decision in *U.S. v. Lopez* (1995), answering the following:
		1. Who was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for this case?
		2. Who was Lopez?
		3. Why did this case end up in federal court?
		4. Explain the decision of the Supreme Court.
		5. Explain the significance of this decision.
	4. Review the Supreme Court’s decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008), answering the following questions:
		1. Who was Dick Heller? What was his complaint before the Court?
		2. Who wrote the Majority Opinion? Explain the decision.
		3. Which Justices dissented in this decision? Why?
	5. Review the Supreme Court’s decision in *McDonald v. Chicago* (2010), answering the following questions:
		1. Explain the relevance of the 14th Amendment to this decision.
		2. How did this decision clear up the court’s decision in *Heller*?
	6. Review the Supreme Court’s decision in *Caetano v. Massachusetts* (2016).
		1. Who was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court for this case?
		2. Briefly describe the background of this case.
		3. Explain the decision of the court.