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ROE V. WADE

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This is an accurate, well balanced and unemotional account of events leading up to the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. It can be an excellent tool to promote study of the United States Constitution and to tie historical study to a provocative contemporary event as well as to highlight the complexity of sensitive ethical issues.

<p>Feb. 1970 Abilene Texas. Jane Roe, pregnant, heads home.</p> <p>Director Credit</p> <p>Jane Roe at her father's house.</p> <p>3:00 Obstetrics clinic</p> <p>7:00 Roe meets lawyers</p> <p>15:20 April 1970 Attorney General's office, Austin, Texas.</p> <p>16:30 Roe's lawyers discuss the case.</p> <p>22:00 May 23, 1970, U.S. District Court, Dallas Texas.</p> <p>27:00 Texas courts won't rule in Roe's favor.</p> <p>28:45 Texas lawyers discuss strategy.</p> <p>30:00 Roe's lawyers discuss strategy.</p> <p>35:00 Jane Roe gives birth to then gives up her child.</p>	<p>This is a classic case of the interests of society conflicting with the interests of a private individual. Hearing reports before viewing the film should provide a good base for the seminar questioning sequence.</p> <p>Seminar Questioning Sequence: Does the Constitution imply that a citizen has the right to privacy? How do you interpret the right to association in the 1st Amendment? Does the protection of private homes from the quartering of troops mentioned in the 3rd Amendment imply a right to privacy? Do the prohibitions in the 4th Amendment lead logically to the presumption of a right to privacy? Does the protection from self incrimination in the 5th Amendment mean a person has the right to privacy? Are the general protections in the 9th Amendment enough to justify a right to privacy? What about the due process clause of the 14th Amendment? Did Texas exercise its legitimate police power to protect the society or did they make an unreasonable invasion of privacy? In what other areas do the individual states regulate private behavior? How do you judge the balance between the rights of society and the rights of individuals?</p>	<p>Executive Branch Judicial Branch Legislative Branch Separation of Powers Judicial Review Marbury v. Madison Enumerated Powers Reserved Powers Implied Powers McCulloch v. Maryland 1st Amendment 3rd Amendment 4th Amendment 5th Amendment 9th Amendment 14th Amendment</p>
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<p>40:00 Jane Roe attempts suicide</p> <p>42:30 Attorney General's office discussion, then Roe's lawyers discuss strategy.</p> <p>57:00 Lawyers continue to build their cases.</p> <p>1:04:00 Texas lawyers continue to plan strategy.</p> <p>1:06:00 Roe's lawyers practice their argument.</p> <p>1:10:45 December 13, 1971. U.S. Supreme Court, Washington D.C. Arguments for both sides presented.</p> <p>1:23:20 January 22, 1973, Dallas Texas. Jane Roe learns of the courts decision.</p>		
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