



Roe v. Wade, What is the Law?

Grade/Category: 6-8, Go Serve Women

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Objective: Students will understand what the law says, how it came about, and the it's consequences.

Bible Verse: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Matthew 28:18

Supplies:

1. Timeline of Abortion Laws in the United States
2. Access to the internet

Procedures:

1. Read the Timeline through 1973
2. Watch Walter Cronkite video
3. Consider the question,
In his dissent, Justice White wrote, "The Court apparently values the convenience of the pregnant mother more than the continued existence and development of the life or potential life that she carries. ... I find no constitutional warrant for imposing such an order of priorities on the people and legislatures of the States." Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Read the rest of the timeline.
5. Watch Norma McCorvey clip.
6. List other ways that people who believe that abortion is wrong might influence the laws and or/ the culture to reduce and eliminate abortion in our country.

Extensions:

1. How does an issue get to the Supreme Court?
2. Who are the members of the Supreme Court? How are they elected?
3. Write about the ways that your life has been influenced by the Roe v. Wade decision.

Further Resources:

Walter Cronkite on Supreme Court decision, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zv1bmY4Wd34>

Student Explanation, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HI4PwjJFuk>, 8 min.

Norma McCorvey, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sc_TgP3QLE4, 1 min