

CLOSE READING

For use with "Courtroom Dramas" on p. 8 of the magazine

Up Close

Courtroom Dramas

Read the article closely, then answer each question below. Write three to five sentences for each response, using evidence from the text to support your answers. Use a separate sheet of paper if you need more space.

1. Based on the text, analyze why the Republican-controlled U.S. Senate refused to consider any Obama nominee to replace Justice Antonin Scalia on the Supreme Court.

2. Compare the constitutional questions the Supreme Court will weigh in *Gloucester County School Board v. G.G.* and *Trinity Lutheran Church v. Pauley*.

3. How does the author support the claim that a decision in the case *Star Athletica v. Varsity Brands* "could have a huge impact on the fashion industry"?

4. Explain what copyright is and why people in the fashion industry are watching to see how the Court rules in *Star Athletica v. Varsity Brands*.

5. Based on what you've read, which upcoming Supreme Court case do you think is most important? Summarize the key issues in the case and tell why you think it is pivotal.

6. Study the photo lineup of the Supreme Court justices on pp. 10-11. What does it add to your understanding of the Court?
