



UCI Criminology Outreach Program (COP)

Exercise: WHAT IS LAW?

On a blank piece of paper write the following 3 paragraphs (10 minutes)

- What is law to you?
- Why do we need laws?
- What is a right to you?

1. ***Answer the questions of the paragraphs** (Elva) (10 minutes)

***Why 3 branches** exist legislative, executive and focus on the **JUDICIAL**(Elva)

***Plaintiff and defense set-up** (Elva)

***Supremacy clause of the constitution** (Article VI)
-hierarchy of the courts (Johnny)

***Bill of Rights** (Johnny)
-1st 10 amendments of the U.S. Constitution

2. **Give the 4 cases (In your groups help them)** (20 Minutes)

Have them complete the worksheet with the 4 cases
should take them 5 minutes per case – make sure you keep track of time

1. Terry v. Ohio (Stop and Frisk)
2. Roe v. Wade (Privacy)
3. Texas v. Johnson (Freedom of Speech)
4. Brown v. Board of Education (Separate but equal)

4. Discuss the 4 cases, and the Supreme Courts Decision (10 Minutes)

Ask the students to raise their hands on the decisions
Choose 1 student from each group to give reasons why
Give actual results