

### Brief Rubric

1. Identification of the Case: Thomas v. Central City School Board, 410 N.W.2d 825  
(Minn. 1987)

2. Action Sought: Damages

3. Facts of the Case: During an egress from the school building, a member of the class under the supervision of Karen H. Gardner was hit, fell and was injured.

4. Question to be Answered by the Court: Was the defendant, the school principal or the teacher negligent?

5. Answer(s) Given by the Court(s): Lower Court - School Board and Teacher, no; principal, yes. Appellate Court - Affirmed (same decision). Supreme Court - No negligence.

6. Reasons: (1) The principal had well planned scheme to govern egress and ingress of pupils; (2) he talked with teachers, parents, and pupils concerning his plan; (3) he personally supervised much class movement. (4) The teacher was competent, and only a freak circumstance prevented her from being and governing class movement the day of the accident.

7. Significance of the Case [for schools]

In this portion, you write a narrative summary describing your own impressions of the significance/importance of this case. Generally, it should be no more than six paragraphs in length. ... (Limit the brief and reaction summary to one page. Single spaced.)

| Item for Scoring                                                                                                                                             | Point Value |
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| Identification of the Case: Thomas v. Central City School Board, 410 N.W.2d 825<br>(Minn. 1987)                                                              | 1 point     |
| Action Sought: Damages                                                                                                                                       | 1 point     |
| Facts of the Case: During an egress from the school building, a member of the class under the supervision of Karen H. Gardner was hit, fell and was injured. | 4 points    |
| Question to be Answered by the Court: Was the defendant, the school principal or the teacher negligent?                                                      | 1 point     |

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| Answer(s) Given by the Court(s): Lower Court - School Board and Teacher, no; principal, yes. Appellate Court - Affirmed (same decision). Supreme Court - No negligence.                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2 point   |
| Reasons: (1) The principal had well planned scheme to govern egress and ingress of pupils; (2) he talked with teachers, parents, and pupils concerning his plan; (3) he personally supervised much class movement. (4) The teacher was competent, and only a freak circumstance prevented her from being and governing class movement the day of the accident. | 3 points  |
| Significance of the Case [for schools]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3 points  |
| Total Score Possible                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 15 points |