**EXTENSION OPPORTUNITY SP18:** Write a 1000 word minimum essay pertaining to one significant court case from the time period covered this semester. Examples include:

- Scopes Trial - Sacco and Vanzetti

- Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping - *Buck v. Bell*

- Ethel and Julius Rosenberg - Korematsu or Hirabayashi

- *Roe v. Wade* - *Bush v. Gore*

*- Obergefell v. Hodges - U.S. v. Windsor*

*- Loving v. Virginia - Lawrence v. Texas*

- Citizens United - O.J. Simpson

- Rodney King - *District of Columbia v. Heller*

- Leo Frank - Emmett Till

- Chicago Seven - My Lai Court Martial

- Sam Sheppard - Scottsboro Boys

Focus your essay on the following prompt:

**Assess this case’s historical impact. To what extent was justice served?**

Notes on the prompt:

* Courts do not exist in a vacuum. Full-point essays will consider historical context, meaning how history shaped this specific case and how history was created by it.
  + How did time and place create this trial?
  + Did geography, political or social events or trends, or media play a role?
  + What precedents did this case set, if any?
  + What were the short and long term impacts of the trial?
* Full-point essays will only dive into the minutiae of the trial if it pertains to larger significance (i.e. relates to the argument about the extent to which justice was served).
* Strong essays may briefly consider the extent to which justice and the law are synonymous, depending on the case in question.
* Your paper is **due** **Sunday, May 20** by 11:59 p.m. through email. Late assignments will receive zero credit. (Previously, the due date time was listed as “midnight”; I have clarified that as 11:59 p.m. as of today, May 16th, verbally in class, on Skyward, and on the web site.)
* It is worth up to **12 extra credit assessment points,** awarded based on proper length (2), adherence to mechanical/stylistic requirements (2), and quality of research, writing, and argument (8).
* I will gladly read and provide constructive feedback if your paper is submitted by midnight on Saturday, May 12. Email or see me with specific questions.

***Mechanical/stylistic details:***

* double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman, 1” margins
* your choice of citation and bibliography style (three outside sources minimum)
* cover page (your choice of style) and no headers or page numbers
* no use of “I”—just state everything as a fact—and don’t reference the fact you’re writing a paper