

Download The Dred Scott Case Its Significance In American Law And Politics

Dred Scott v. Sandford, 60 U.S. (19 How.) 393 (1857), was a landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in which the Court held that the U.S. Constitution was not meant to include American citizenship for black people, regardless of whether they were enslaved or free, and therefore the rights and privileges it confers upon American citizens could never apply to them. Dred Scott (c. 1799 – September 17, 1858) was an enslaved African American man in the United States who unsuccessfully sued for his freedom and that of his wife and their two daughters in the Dred Scott v. Sandford case of 1857, popularly known as the "Dred Scott case". Scott claimed that he and his wife should be granted their freedom because they had lived in Illinois and the Wisconsin ... The background of the Dred Scott decision, one of the Supreme Court's most controversial pronouncements, is complex.. Dred Scott, a slave, had been purchased by army surgeon John Emerson, a citizen of Missouri. Scott and his master had spent time in Illinois and the Wisconsin Territory, where slavery was prohibited.. After Emerson's death in 1846, Scott sued for his freedom, claiming that ... Citizens need to understand other people and ideas, to recognize differences yet appreciate how everything is connected. Education should enrich our lives while teaching us to take a responsible place in the world.