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***Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* | 1987**

**Directions: Complete the story by filling in the blanks with the correct words. Answer the questions that follow.**

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|  | The journalism class at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wrote articles and put them together for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They gave the newspaper to their teacher,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Emerson showed the newspaper to the principal. He asked the principal if it was okay to make copies and hand them out to students at the school.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_did not like what he read. First, there was an article about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It described the students, but it did not give their names. Principal Reynolds was afraid that students would be able to figure out\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. There was another article that Principal Reynolds did not like. This one talked about\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In it, one student said things about her father. For example, she said that her father went out too much. She also said that her father didn't spend enough time with his family. The father did not get a chance to tell his side of the story. Principal Reynolds thought this was unfair.Principal Reynolds thought the paper needed to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. But it was almost the end of the school year. He was afraid that it would take the class\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If it took too long, the school year would be over and the other students would not get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. So he told\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to remove the pages that had the articles about pregnancy and divorce. He said to make copies of the rest of the paper.The students were very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They had spent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writing the articles. They could have fixed them if Principal Reynolds had given them a chance. Instead, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that also contained other articles. They felt that this was a violation of their\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They went to the U.S. District Court. The court did not agree with them. It said that school officials\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the school newspaper if their decision has "a substantial and reasonable basis." In other words, if he has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is okay for a principal to limit students' speech.The students appealed the decision. The Court of Appeals reversed the decision of the U.S. District Court. This court said that the school paper was a "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_," or place where students could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The judges said that the school could not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ except "to avoid . . . substantial interference with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . . . or the rights of others." They did not think that the articles about pregnancy would have interfered with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They thought the articles should have been printed.The school appealed the decision of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_thought that this was an important case. It dealt with the rights of students. It agreed to hear arguments from both sides.Upon hearing both sides of the story, the US Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ saying that the school district did have the authority to limit publications that it felt were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It also said that since the school paper was funded and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it was not a “public form” and was designed to meet the needs to the school’s journalism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  |

**Guiding Questions:**

1. In the article about the pregnant students, what was Principal Reynolds worried about?
2. What did Principal Reynolds say was wrong with the article about divorce?
3. What did Principal Reynolds do to fix the problem? Did he have any other choices, if so what were they?
4. What rights did the students say had been violated?
5. Do you think a principal should be allowed to limit what is said in a school newspaper? Why or why not?