

Bids for Freedom
Compare and Contrast the Three Court Cases: Teacher Key

Similarities	Differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The cases took place in the 1850s- All three of them traveled with their owners to a free state from a slave state	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Two of the cases (Mason and Lee) took place in California, a free state- Two of the cases (Mason and Lee) had strong support from an existing African American community- Two of the cases (Mason and Lee) eventually led to freedom for the plaintiff- The judges for Mason and Lee based their rulings on California's ban on slavery. If they had ruled for the owners, the judges would knowingly send Mason and Lee back into slavery.- The court for the Scott case based its ruling on Scott being property