**Warren Court Decisions (1953-1969):**

Liberal Ideals such as expanding democracy and individual freedoms were realized in decisions of the Supreme Court.

**Brown vs. Education (1954):** declared state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional and overturned the Plessy v. Ferguson separate but equal decision (1896).

**Gideon vs. Wainwright (1963):** If you cannot afford an attorney then one must be appointed for you.

**Yates v. US (1957):** the 1st amendment does protect radical/revolutionary speech, so communists are protected under the 1st amendment

**Mapp v. Ohio (1961):** illegally seized evidence cannot be used in court so it protects people accused of a crime

**Engel v. Vital (1962):** Can’t require prayer in public schools (it violates the 1st amendment) Separation between church and states

**Griswold v. Connecticut (1965):** A citizen has the right to privacy, thus birth control cannot be prohibited

**Miranda v. Arizona (1966):** right to remain silent and speak with attorney (your Miranda rights)

**Critics:** Many conservatives did not like these decisions and favored a “STRICT” interpretation of the Constitution.