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Freedom Fight

Directions: Read the scrambled sentences below about the Dred Scott case. Number them 1-6 to show the correct order of events in the case's history.

_____ The Supreme Court declared that Congress could not ban slavery in the territories.

_____ Dred Scott argued for his freedom because he had lived in free states and territories.

_____ The decision increased tensions between free and slave states before the Civil War.

_____ Dred Scott, an enslaved man, was taken by his owner into free territory.

_____ The Court ruled that African Americans could not be considered U.S. citizens.

_____ The case reached the Supreme Court in 1857 after years of legal battles.

Hint: Think about what happened first in Scott's life, then how the case developed, and finally the impact of the ruling.