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Directions: Answer the questions below in complete sentences each. Use evidence from what you've learned about the Dred Scott decision.

1. Why did the Dred Scott decision become such a major turning point in U.S. law?

2. How did the ruling change the way African Americans were treated legally and socially?

3. What reactions did the ruling create in different parts of the country, and why did this matter?

4. How did the decision move the United States closer to the Civil War?



Final Thought: What do you think the Court should have decided, and why? Write 2-3 thoughtful sentences.
