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Denied Justice

Directions: Read the short background below. Then complete the T-chart by listing the rights Dred Scott believed he deserved and how the Supreme Court ruling denied those rights.

Dred Scott was an enslaved man who had lived in both slave states and free territories. He argued that because he lived on free soil, he should be recognized as a free person with the rights of a citizen. His case reached the Supreme Court in 1857, where the justices made a ruling that would change history.

Rights Scott Sought	How the Ruling Denied Them
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

Quick Reflection: Why was this ruling considered a major setback for freedom and equality in the United States?
