

The Dred Scott Decision

Dred Scott was a slave who decided to sue for his freedom. The Supreme Court, in one of the most notorious cases in American history, ruled 7-2 that African Americans were not citizens. Dred Scott was ordered returned to his owner and was basically considered property. This ruling went against the foundation of the Constitution's "all men are created equal" clause.



Questions:

1. Why did Dred Scott sue?

2. What was the ruling of the Court?

3. What happened to Dred Scott after he lost his case?

4. What were all Black people considered?

Answers

1. For his freedom
2. That he was not a citizen
3. Sent back to his owner
4. They were property