



# What Is a Dissenting Opinion? - Quiz

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## Q1. What is a dissenting opinion?

- A. An opinion that agrees with the majority
- B. An opinion that differs from the majority opinion
- C. An opinion written by the Chief Justice
- D. An opinion that is never published

## Q2. How are dissenting opinions different from concurring opinions?

- A. They agree with the majority but add extra points
- B. They outline an alternate approach to the case
- C. They are always longer than concurring opinions
- D. They are never published

## Q3. Why are dissenting opinions important?

- A. They help future justices decide similar cases
- B. They always become the law of the land
- C. They are shorter than majority opinions
- D. They prevent any further discussion on the issue

**Q4. What is another name for a dissenting opinion?**

- A. Majority opinion
- B. Concurring opinion
- C. Minority opinion
- D. Unanimous opinion

**Q5. Which famous case had a dissenting opinion that later influenced the law?**

- A. Plessy v. Ferguson
- B. Brown v. Board of Education
- C. Garcetti v. Ceballos
- D. Pink v. Patterson

**Q6. Can dissenting opinions be cited in future cases?**

- A. No, they are never considered
- B. Yes, but only in Supreme Court cases
- C. Yes, as persuasive authority
- D. No, they are binding precedents

**Q7. What is a drawback of dissenting opinions?**

- A. They are always shorter than majority opinions
- B. They can create confusion and undermine authority
- C. They are never published
- D. They always become law

**Q8. Which justice is known for forceful dissents?**

- A. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- B. Justice John M. Harlan
- C. Justice Robert H. Jackson
- D. Justice Scalia

**Q9. What role do dissenting opinions play in precedent?**

- A. They are binding precedents
- B. They can be used as persuasive authority
- C. They override majority opinions
- D. They are ignored by lower courts

**Q10. What is a benefit of dissenting opinions?**

- A. They ensure all voices are heard
- B. They shorten court decisions
- C. They always become law
- D. They prevent any future debate

## **Answer Key**

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: A
4. Q4: C
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: D
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: A