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The Eighth Amendment: Shielding Against Cruel and Unusual Punishment

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. In your own words, discuss the importance of protecting individuals' human dignity through the Eighth Amendment's prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment.
2. Can you think of a real-life case or scenario where the Eighth Amendment was invoked to challenge a punishment? Explain the details of the case and its outcome.
3. Describe the process by which the U.S. Supreme Court interprets and applies the Eighth Amendment in cases involving punishment.
4. Discuss the role of the Eighth Amendment in promoting the principles of fairness, justice, and accountability in the criminal justice system.

