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Dear Mr. Scott,

When I first learned about your case I was both inspired and enraged at the same time. I was inspired at the determination you must have had to go through the courts for over eleven years. At the same time I was devastated at the final outcome. When Chief Justice Robert Taney of the U.S Supreme court ruled that slaves (who are people) were to be treated as nothing more than property, I was shocked. I cannot find words that express or explain my feelings at this decision. I can't imagine how you must have felt for yourself and your family. This decision even stated that freed blacks did not have the same rights as whites. You must have felt agony and grief through all the struggles you went through. It seems so unfair and unjust. Although this may have seemed like the end of the world for you and your family it came out to have significant impact on our nation.

The affect the decision had on our nation was to further divide it on pro-slavery and anti-slavery sides. The two parts,