

Section Shrink: *This Land is Whose Land?*

1. **Topic (Who/What):** property rights

- Important Details:**
- in ancient Europe, kings seized private land for government
 - Thomas Jefferson added 5th Amendment to US Bill of Rights: private property can't be taken for public use w/o fair payment

Section Shrink: Because European kings seized people's land without compensation, Jefferson added wording to US Bill of Rights forbidding the government to take private land for public use without fair payment.

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2. **Topic (Who/What):** eminent domain

- Important Details:**
- 5<sup>th</sup> amendment allows government to take private property if for "public use": something entire community \_\_\_\_\_
  - tool for improving communities, if need land to build schools, \_\_\_\_\_ and bridges, or clean up blighted \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* "public use" less clear if to build a hotel, mall, or \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Shrink:** Fifth Amendment allows the government to seize \_\_\_\_\_ with fair \_\_\_\_\_ for "public use" like new parks and bridges if the whole community benefits, unlike \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. **Topic (Who/What):** a Supreme Court case

- Important Details:**
- in 2000, developer wanted to build beach resort hotel in CT
 - 7/70 owners refused to _____
 - developer asked city of New London to use _____ so 7 homeowners _____
 - in 2005, Supreme Court ruled in favor of city saying OK to seize property for _____

Section Shrink: In 2005, Supreme Court ruled in favor of New London, CT, allowing a developer to build _____ on _____ that 7/70 homeowners refused to sell.

Name _____

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4. **Topic (Who/What):** negative public reactions to _____
- Important Details:**
- 98% surveyed disagreed with decision
 - eminent domain _____, especially of poor forced out with government claims that whole neighborhood is _____
 - some states have passed stricter laws to _____
 - some cities have promised to develop land only if owners _____

Section Shrink: Due to widespread unpopularity and claims of forcing out poor homeowners for personal _____ like hotels and _____, many communities have passed _____ to protect citizens.

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