



Hollowbreast families fight over coal/minerals under their land



Tribal Court Claims

Families Dispute (1970s)

Discussion Prompt: “What started the problem?”

Tribal Court Claims

Discussion Prompt: “Who decides first on reservation?”



Montana state appeals to federal District Court



Case goes to U.S. Supreme Court for arguments.

Montana State Appeals

Discussion Prompt: “Why did state get involved?”

Supreme Court Arguments

**Discussion Prompt:
“Highest court in land!”**



1976 Supreme Court: No vested rights—allottees get surface, Tribe keeps minerals!



Tribe sovereignty upheld—minerals protected forever.

1976 Ruling

**Discussion Prompt:
“What did Court decide?”**

Sovereignty Impact

**Discussion Prompt:
“How does this help
Cheyenne today?”**