Please read pages 1 – 15, brief (you will learn how during orientation) Pierson v. Post, and complete the self-assessment quiz on Blackboard. Please be sure to brief before you complete the self-assessment quiz. About a week before class starts, the University computer center will make the Blackboard site for this course available. Once that happens, you will be able to access the quiz and the syllabus for the course.

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