Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier / You Decide

Directions: Complete the table. Use information from the excerpt of the majority opinion in *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier* (1988) to help you complete the chart.

| Situation | | Were the students' rights violated? | | Explanation |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|----|-------------|
| | | Yes | No | |
| 1. | The school's TV station covers a story on the new policy that requires that students wear IDs. In the story, many of the students are critical of the policy. The adviser reviews the show and finds that there are many factual errors regarding the policy. The adviser tells the students that if they want the story to air, they must revise it. | | | |
| 2. | The drama club wants to perform a play. Because it involves some sexually explicit scenes, they say they will perform it off-campus at a local recreation center. The principal says this is not allowed and they must select another play. | | | |
| 3. | A student works at home to create a website that contains comments that are critical of his teachers. The principal immediately sends the student to in-school suspension for two days and makes them write a letter of apology to each of their teachers. | | | |
| 4. | The student newspaper publishes an article about a shoplifting incident that occurred during a school-sponsored field trip. The school board censors the article saying it makes the school system look bad. | | | |

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| 5. | The art club plans a showcase night. One of the students has painted a picture of other students drinking alcohol at a school football game. The art teacher says this painting cannot be displayed at the school's showcase night because it seems to advocate the use of alcohol. | | | |
| 6. | The newspaper staff writes an editorial in support of legalizing marijuana. Their adviser tells them that if they want it to be printed, they must present both sides of the issue. | | | |
| 7. | Students on the newspaper staff create an online version of the school's newspaper. In it, they provide advice on where to get birth control. The principal tells the staff to delete the article because the content is not appropriate for the younger students in the school. | | | |
| 8. | The Student Government Association wants to hold a rally in support of abortion rights in the school's auditorium. Their adviser tells them they cannot do this. | | | |

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