In 2007, a prestigious boarding school in New England, The Hotchkiss School, organized a school trip to China for two weeks during the summer holiday. One of the students who signed up and went on the trip was first year student Cara Munn. Students had to sign a form before the trip stating that Hotchkiss school was not responsible for injuries outside of their control. On the trip the teachers took students hiking to a remote forested area near Mt. Pan. It's not clear how teachers told students to dress for this hike. During this hike Cara Munn was bitten by a tick and upon coming back to the United States a week later developed a rare disease called encephalitus. She was treated extensively, but ultimately, she lost her ability to speak and her motor skills were severly damaged. Her family sued the Hotchkiss school for personal damages, holding that they were ultimately responsible for what happened.

PLAINTIFF'S ARGUMENTS:

DEFENDANT'S ARGUMENTS: