

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT: THE JUDICIAL BRANCH VIDEO STUDY GUIDE

Video Study Guide

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As you watch the video, fill in the blanks with the information learned.

Every citizen of the United States is guaranteed equal _____ under the _____ . This is the guarantee of a democratic society. Congress or the legislative branch _____ the laws. The President or the executive branch _____ the laws. The court system or judicial branch _____ the laws.

The most important position on the Supreme Court is the _____ .

The Supreme Court case of Marbury versus Madison determined _____ .

_____ . The _____ branch works independently of the other two branches of government. If a law is declared unconstitutional, it becomes _____ .

There are two divisions or types of courts in the United States, the _____ courts and the _____ courts. A court's ability to hear a case is known as _____. The federal _____ court hears both civil and criminal cases that have a federally related issue. This is the lowest federal court and there are 94 of these courts in the United States. The United States circuit courts of appeals hears cases that have been appealed from the _____ court if it is determined that the interpretation of the law was not correct or unclear. There are 13 circuit courts of appeals.

There are _____ (number) Supreme Court justices who choose which cases they will hear. On average, the Supreme Court hears about _____ cases per year. This is called the docket, or the cases that are chosen. The process by which a Supreme Court hears a case is called _____ .

An important civil rights attorney who later became a prominent Supreme Court justice was _____. One landmark case that he argued before the _____ .

Supreme Court was *Brown v. Board of Education* which allowed

The President _____ a Supreme Court nominee and Congress must _____ the nomination. Supreme Court justices are appointed for a lifetime so that _____. A federal judge can only be removed from office by Congress for _____ behavior. The Constitution itself is written broadly and vaguely so that it will withstand the test of _____. This challenges all courts to interpret the Constitution as society changes in a modern world. The Supreme Court case of *Tinker v. Des Moines, Independent Community School District* decided that public school students also _____.
