

Chapter Six Reading Guide - The Judicial Branch

1. How do federal judges get that job? How long can they keep it?

Supreme Court:

2. How many Supreme Court Justices are there? How long is their term? Who is the current Chief Justice?

3. What types of cases does the Supreme Court hear?

4. How many cases does the Supreme Court usually hear per year?

5. How much time is each side of a case given in the Supreme Court for the oral argument?

Define:

Majority Opinion –

Dissenting Opinion –

Concurring Opinion –

Precedent –

Stare Decisis –

Landmark Supreme Court cases:

Marbury v. Madison –

Brown v. Board of Education –

Gideon v. Wainwright –

United States v. Nixon –

Miranda v. Arizona –

Roe v. Wade –

Mapp v. Ohio –

Tinker v. Des Moines –

First Amendment:

1. What 5 freedoms are protected by the First Amendment? Know these well!
2. When, generally, can the government restrict your freedom of speech?
3. Is burning a draft card a protected form of free speech? What about an American flag?

Define:

Libel –

Slander –

Sedition –

Free Exercise Clause –

Establishment Clause –

Defendant's rights:

1. In what situations must the police have a warrant prior to searching for evidence?
2. In what situations do the police not have to have a warrant prior to searching for evidence?
3. What rights are guaranteed during a trial?

Define:

Probable Cause –

Exclusionary Rule –

Habeas Corpus –