

ABOUT THIS PACKET

The Reading Passages in this packet allow students to work on comprehension skills after reading the passage several times searching for evidence.

TASK	OVERVIEW
TASK 1: FILL IN THE BLANKS	Using Close Reading strategies, students will use context clues to fill in the missing words in the reading passage. This will then be used as the main passage to use for the remaining tasks.
TASK 2: VOCABULARY	The vocabulary activity helps kids identify and understand new or unfamiliar words before they complete further activities.
TASK 3: RESPOND	Students will choose from three writing prompts and write their answer to just one of them using complete sentences.
TASK 4: TRUE OR FALSE	Students complete this activity to show overall comprehension of the passage. They may refer back to the passage when necessary. In the end, they add up the TRUE statements.
TASK 5: MULTIPLE CHOICE	For a quick formative check for understanding, students will answer 10 multiple choice questions.
TASK 6: WORD SEARCH	Students will search for key vocabulary words related to the topic. Several unused letters will spell out a secret message.
FINAL TASK: SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)	This is an optional summary graphic organizer to use if needed. Could be used for early finishers, an extension activity, or as a final check for understanding.
GRADE LEVEL	RANGE
4	MIDDLE
4	END
5	BEGINNING
5	MIDDLE
5	END
6	BEGINNING
6	MIDDLE
6	END
7	BEGINNING

TASK #1: FILL IN THE BLANK



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Directions: Use the words below to fill in the reading.

accused	Justices	interpret
four	education	Chief
powerful	black	crime

The Supreme Court is the highest, most _____ court in the United States. This court is also at the top of the Judicial Branch (Article III) of government. The main job of the Judicial Branch is to _____ the laws. The Supreme Court is located in Washington D.C. It is a large, prominent white building with massive columns out front. The Supreme Court helps maintain a fair and just legal system for anyone accused of a _____. This court has a wide impact on people across the United States by overturning and ruling on laws and cases.

Judges of the Supreme Court are called _____. There are usually nine Justices but there have been as few as six. The head of the Justices is called the _____. The remaining eight Justices are called Associate Justices. Since the 1800's, the Justices have worn long _____ robes as a tradition. These Justices are appointed (chosen) by the President. However, the Senate must also approve them as well. This process is called Senate Confirmation.

Justices serve in the Supreme Court until retirement, impeachment, or death. Impeachment is when a high-ranking government official is _____ of misconduct while in office. There is no term limit for this position, like there are in other government positions. A life term allows Justices to not worry about 'popularity' and therefore base their court decisions on the law, not winning an election. There are no age requirements, no _____ requirements, no experience requirements, and no citizenship requirements to become a Justice.

Mostly, the Supreme Court deals with cases that have been appealed (requested a review) in lower courts. An appeal is made if someone is not happy with the ruling of a case. Not all appeals will make it to the Supreme Court, though. In fact, the Justices vote on which cases will and will not make it. _____ out of the Justices must agree to hear a case. Some cases go directly to the Supreme Court, but

TASK #4: TRUE OR FALSE

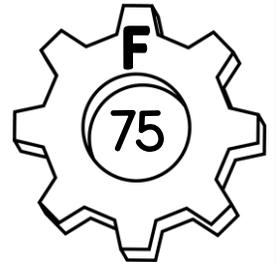


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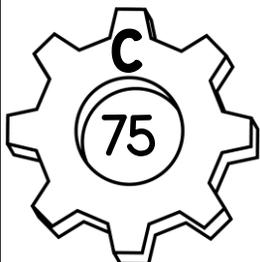
Read each statement below and determine if it is true or false. If the statement is true, color the gear that corresponds to that question. If it is false, cross out the gear. When you are finished add the **TOTAL** of ALL TRUE gears.



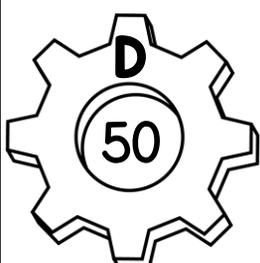
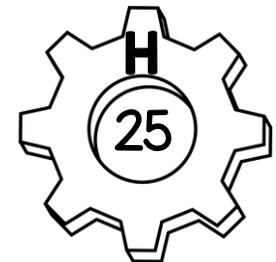
A. The Judicial Branch is outlined in Article III of the U.S. Constitution.



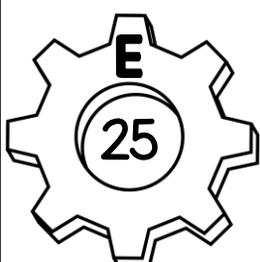
B. There are nine Associate Justices on the Supreme Court.



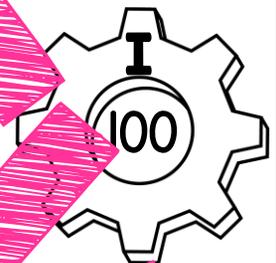
C. Justices serve a 16 year term.



D. Justices are appointed by the President and approved by the Senate.



E. The Supreme Court can claim that a law is unconstitutional and overturn it.



F. The Supreme Court hears 800-1000 cases per year.

G. There are no age requirements to become a Justice.

H. When a Justice disagrees with the decision of the majority, a majority opinion is given.

I. Some cases go directly to the Supreme Court, but this is rare.

J. The Supreme Court must take every case sent to it.

TOTAL: _____

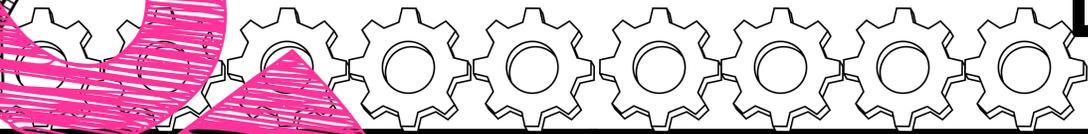
TASK #5: MULTIPLE CHOICE



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Complete the multiple choice questions below by circling the correct answer.



1. The Judicial Branch is _____ of the U.S. Constitution.

- A. Article I
- B. Article II
- C. Article III
- D. Article IV

6. Which Supreme Court case made segregation in schools illegal?

- A. Plessy v Ferguson
- B. Brown v Board of Education
- C. Miranda v Arizona
- D. Tinker v Des Moines

2. What is an opinion that goes against the majority called?

- A. Unconstitutional
- B. Majority
- C. Associate
- D. Dissenting

7. Who must approve of presidential appointments?

- A. Chief Justice
- B. Congress
- C. House of Representatives
- D. Senate

3. How many total Justices does the Supreme Court have?

- A. 7
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 10

8. What month do the annual court sessions typically begin?

- A. June
- B. July
- C. October
- D. December

4. As tradition, what color robes do the Justices wear?

- A. Red
- B. Black
- C. Blue
- D. White

9. The main job of the of the Judicial Branch is to _____ laws.

- A. Interpret
- B. Create
- C. Enforce
- D. Execute

5. How many Justices must agree to hear a case?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 9

10. "Oyez, Oyez, Oyez" means to _____.

- A. Pay attention
- B. Sit up straight
- C. Case closed
- D. A verdict has been reached.

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