

SUPREME COURT

SCAVENGER HUNT

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CODE WORD

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CODE WORD

2 Judges of the Supreme Court are called Justices. There have been a total of 15 Justices in the Court's history. Currently, there are eight Justices on the Court, with the remaining eight Justices being appointed by the President. Since the Justices are appointed, they wear long black robes. However, the Justices are appointed for a term of 18 years. This process is well-known. This process is well-known. This process is well-known.

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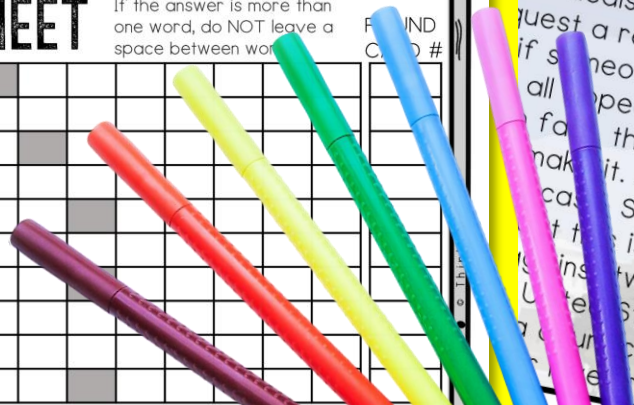
4 The Supreme Court deals with cases that require a review) in lower courts. If someone is not happy with the decision of a lower court, they can appeal. The Justices will make it to the Supreme Court. Four out of nine Justices must agree to hear the case. Some cases go to the Supreme Court, but it is rare. Most of the cases are from the states. For example, a case against the state of Arizona.

CODE WORD

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words. FIND CODE #

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 SHORT PASSAGES
- ✓ 10 QUESTION TRAILS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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9 The Supreme Court was established in 1789 as the Nation's Chief Justice. The building was completed in 1932. It took three years to build and cost approximately \$10 million. It is made of marble from Alabama, and

→ What word means the act of misconduct wh

10 The Supreme Court of

TEACHER DIRECTIONS

THIS SCAVENGER HUNT HAS TWO PARTS:

Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages which contain a "clue" or code word. After finishing each passage, students will need to write them down on the recording sheet.

Part 2: Using the code word on each reading card, students will unscramble the letters in the gray boxes to find the code word.

All you have to do is print the 10 reading cards and hide them! The more difficult the reading cards are, the more FUN the kids have AND the longer they will take!

You will need to print **PAGE 10** for EVERY student!

ANSWER SHEET

If the answer is more than one word, do NOT leave a space between words.

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FINAL CODE ANSWER:

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you.

WORD

SUMMARIZE

TOPIC SENTENCE

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4 DIGIT CODE

Next, using the numbers in the FOUND CARD column in the SAME order in which you recorded them above, follow these clues.

Eliminate the highest and lowest number in the FOUND column.

Get rid of all numbers that are spelled with just one letter.

Eliminate numbers that start with the letter _____.

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10 READING CARDS

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5 The Supreme Court is different because there is not a jury. After the Justices have heard the case, they will deliberate and give an opinion on the case. A majority opinion reflects the views of more than fifty percent of the Justices. When a Justice disagrees with the decision of the majority, a dissenting opinion is given.

What color is the robe that the Justices wear?

CODE WORD

2 Judges of the Supreme Court are called Justices. There are usually nine Justices, but there have been as few as six. The Justice in charge is called the Chief Justice. The remaining eight Justices are called Associate Justices. Since the 1800's, the Justices have worn long black robes as a tradition.

4 Mostly, the Supreme Court deals with cases that have been appealed (request 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. Four out of nine Justices must agree to hear a case. Some cases go directly to the Supreme Court, but this is rare.

6 The Supreme Court makes sure that laws follow the principles and guidelines outlined in the Constitution. The Supreme Court can claim that a law is unconstitutional and overturn it. It can also overturn a previous decision that was made. This happened during the Civil Rights Movement. In 1896, the Supreme Court allowed segregation in public places, including schools, in the Plessy v. Ferguson case. In 1954, however, the Supreme Court overturned their earlier decision.

7 Other landmark Supreme Court cases include Tinker v. Des Moines (about the legal concept of free speech) and the 1st Amendment (about the right to free speech and the 1st Amendment). Mapp v. Ohio was a case about a person's right to privacy (the 4th Amendment).

The Supreme Court is at the top of the Judicial Branch of government.

8 The Supreme Court building was first designed in 1789 as the nation's Court. Construction of the Supreme Court building began in 1932. It took three years to complete and cost approximately \$9 million. The building is made of marble from Vermont, Georgia, Alabama, and Italy.

What word means being accused of misconduct while in office?

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A Justice who disagrees with the majority gives a --- opinion.

10 The Supreme Court often faces controversial decisions. Since this court is at the top of the court and final ruling, many controversial cases end up here. The Supreme Court can also review the decisions of lower courts and even the President as a system of checks and balances.

One Supreme Court case was --- v. Board of Education.

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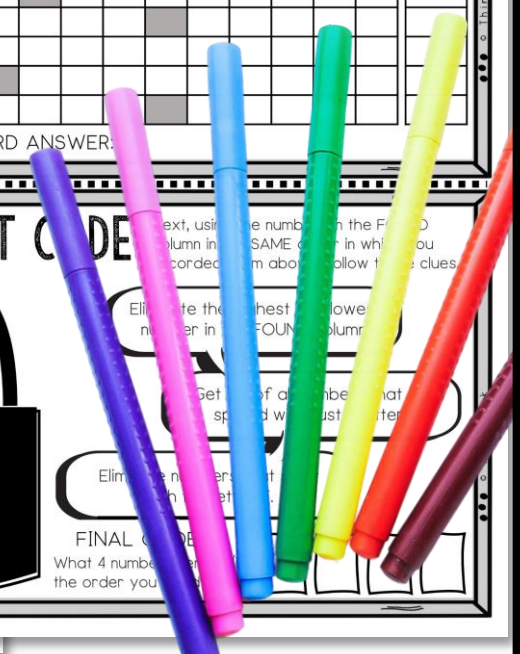
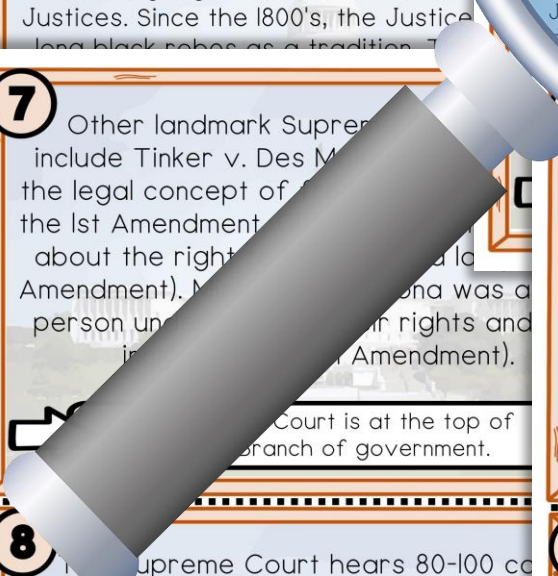
Eliminate the numbers that do not follow the clues.

Get rid of any numbers that do not fit the space.

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What 4 numbers do you have in the order you recorded them?



CITE EVIDENCE

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FINAL CODE _____
What 4 numbers remain (in the order you listed them)?

- 1 STUDENTS WILL RECORD THEIR CODE WORDS
- 2 STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE** THEY FOUND THE ANSWER
- 3 STUDENTS WILL UNSCRAMBLE A MYSTERY WORD
- 4 STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW CLUES TO REVEAL THE 4-DIGIT CODE

HOW IT WORKS



ENGAGING READING COMPREHENSION PRACTICE!

1

Students work individually (or in pairs) and visit 10 reading cards scattered around the room.

2

Students read the passage and look at the question at the bottom labeled "code word".

3

The code word for THAT card number will lead them to a different card. But here's the catch... students will NOT know where to find the code word answer so they will have to skim, browse and revisit the reading cards several times to find the answer they are seeking.

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Other landmark Supreme Court cases include Tinker v. Des Moines (established the legal concept of freedom of speech under the 1st Amendment. Gideon v. Wainwright (about the right to counsel under the 6th Amendment). Miranda v. Arizona (about a person understanding their rights before incrimination (5th Amendment)).

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COMBINATION



This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **mystery words & codes**
- ✓ **citing evidence**
- ✓ **critical thinking**

Everything a teacher dreams of wrapped up into one FUN and engaging activity!


OPTIONS



THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!



-  ANTICIPATORY SETS
-  EARLY FINISHERS
-  STATIONS
-  SUB PLANS
-  PARTNER WORK
-  ENRICHMENT

-  MOVEMENT
-  CROSS-CURRICULAR
-  HIGHLY ENGAGING

