



# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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

**1** The Judicial Branch of the federal (national) government has many jobs, but the most important job is to interpret the laws from Congress. This branch does not make any laws. It is responsible for interpreting what the laws mean and how

**3** The members of the Supreme Court are appointed, or chosen, by the President, then confirmed (approved) by the Senate. This is done as a system of checks and balances. When the President nominates a candidate, the Senate Judiciary Committee researches the candidate, checks their records, looks at qualifications, and prepares for a hearing in which witnesses for and against the nominee share their views. The final vote requires a simple majority vote from the Senate (51). Supreme Court Justices can hold their positions for life, if they desire.

Being tried for the same crime twice is called double \_\_\_\_.

CODE WORD

**5** The only constitutional requirement to become a Supreme Court Justice is "good behavior." There are no age requirements, no citizenship requirements, and no education requirements. These judges are appointed for

**7** Once arrested, a person will appear before a judge and is legally appointed a lawyer. If the outcome of the trial does not appear fair, it can be appealed (to ask for a review). Then, it will go to a higher court. It could potentially go all the way up to the Supreme Court. A decision that is made at the Supreme Court is final.

How many Appellate Circuit Courts are there?

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### TEACHER S

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Part 1: Kids will read 10 short passages which will 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, the more FUN the kids have AND the longer they will stay engaged!

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 WORD 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

VAL CODE

4 numbers remain (in order you listed them)?

# 10 READING CARDS

**1** The Judicial Branch of the federal (national) government has many courts. The most important job is to interpret laws from Congress. This branch makes any laws. It is responsible for interpreting what the laws mean and how they legally impact the citizens of the United States. The Judicial Branch, also known as the Federal Judiciary, is made up of courts and judges.

Who appoints members of the Supreme Court?

**3** The members of the Supreme Court are appointed or chosen by the President and then confirmed by the Senate. There is a system of checks and balances. When the President nominates a candidate, the Senate Judiciary Committee reviews the candidate, checks their record, and prepares for a hearing. During the hearing, witnesses for and against the nominee share their views. The final vote requires a simple majority vote from the Senate (51). Supreme Court Justices can hold their positions for life, if they desire.

Being tried for the same crime twice is called double \_\_\_\_.

**5** The only constitutional requirement to become a Supreme Court Justice is "good behavior." There are no age requirements, no citizenship requirements, and no education requirements. These judges are appointed for life for a reason. They can only be removed from office by impeachment, resignation, or death. This is to ensure that the judges are focused on fairness in the trials – not focused on getting re-elected.

The Judicial Branch interprets the laws from \_\_\_\_.

**2** The court system in the United States is structured in a hierarchy. Each court has a higher court that is over it or has more authority. The highest court is the Supreme Court. Under the Supreme Court is the Court of Appeals or Appellate Courts. There are thirteen of these. Each Appellate Court has three judges.

**4** The only court listed in the U.S. Constitution is the Supreme Court, giving Congress the power to create lower courts. While the Constitution does not explicitly state how many Supreme Court Justices there should be, it usually is between six and nine. Since 1869, the Supreme Court has maintained nine Justices.

The judicial process helps ensure that every person has a fair trial with an honest, competent (qualified) judge. The Constitution states that it is a basic right to have a speedy trial (6th Amendment), legal representation, and protection from cruel punishments (8th Amendment). It also states that a person cannot be tried for the same crime twice.

**7** Once arrested, a person must appear before a judge and is allowed to hire a lawyer. If the outcome is not fair, the person can ask for a review. Cases can go to a higher court. Most cases initially go to a lower court. A decision that is not appealed to the Supreme Court is final.

How many Appellate Circuit Courts are there?

**6** A person may be randomly chosen to serve on a jury. The jury's job is to understand the evidence presented during the trial and deliver a verdict of guilt or innocence. Mostly, the Supreme Court reviews cases from lower courts. Many cases that are reviewed by the Supreme Court do not get reviewed by the lower courts. Typically, the Supreme Court reviews about one hundred and fifty cases a year.

What word means to ask for a review from the court?

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FINAL WORD ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

**8** The Constitution guarantees the right to a fair and speedy trial before an unbiased jury of peers. An unbiased jury means that the jurors are fairly and randomly selected. Jurors will be composed of different races, ages, genders, religions, etc. The jury will determine if there is enough evidence to find the person guilty or not guilty of a crime.

The constitutional requirement to become a Supreme Court Justice is "good \_\_\_\_."

**10** The Judicial Branch is in charge of interpreting the meaning of the laws. The Judicial Branch also must make sure that the law is not breaking any rules or violating the Constitution. The court system is a critical part of checks and balances. It interprets laws, without the ability to create laws. This keeps the Judicial Branch from becoming too powerful, while ensuring that citizens have basic rights inside of a court.

The Supreme Court has one Chief Justice and eight \_\_\_\_ Justices.

## 4 DIGIT CODE

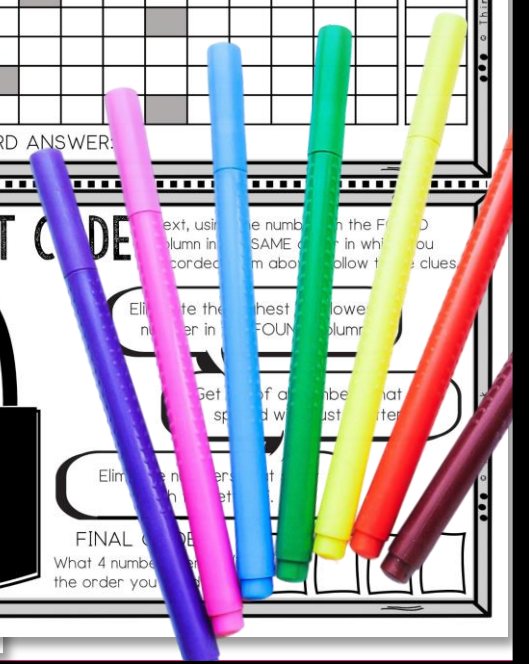
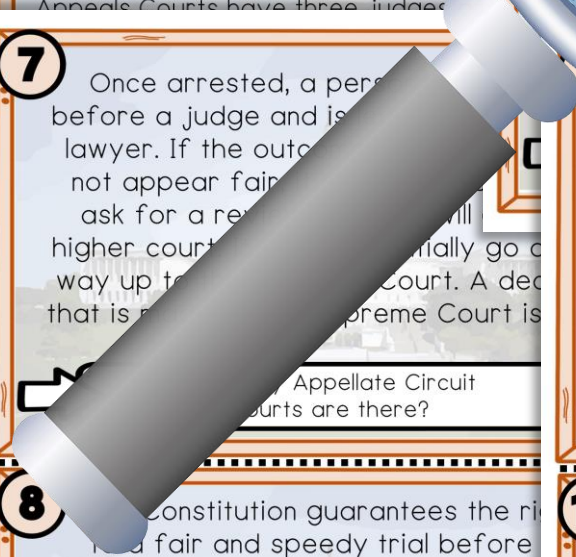
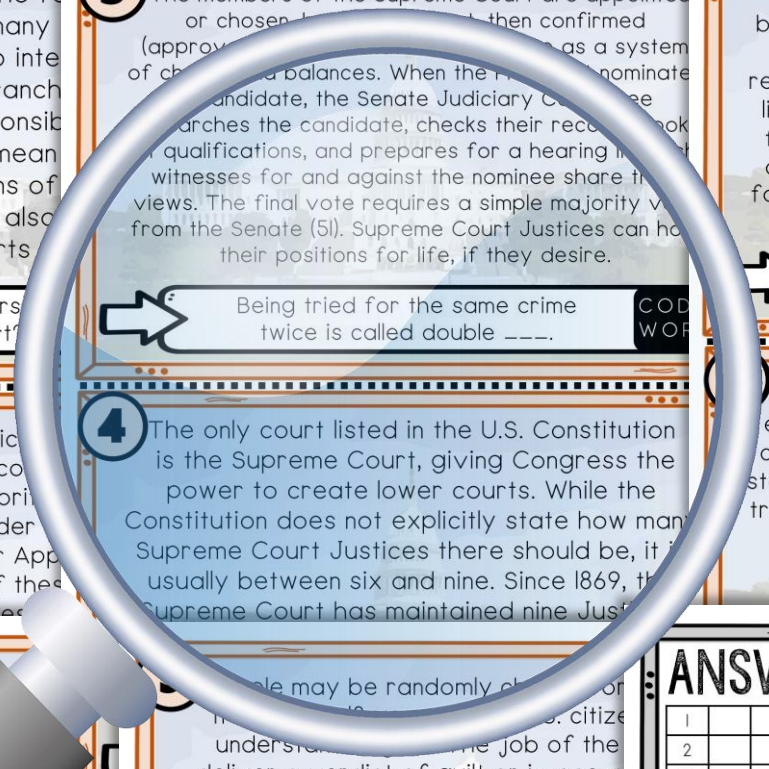
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FINAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

What 4 numbers are in the order you found them?



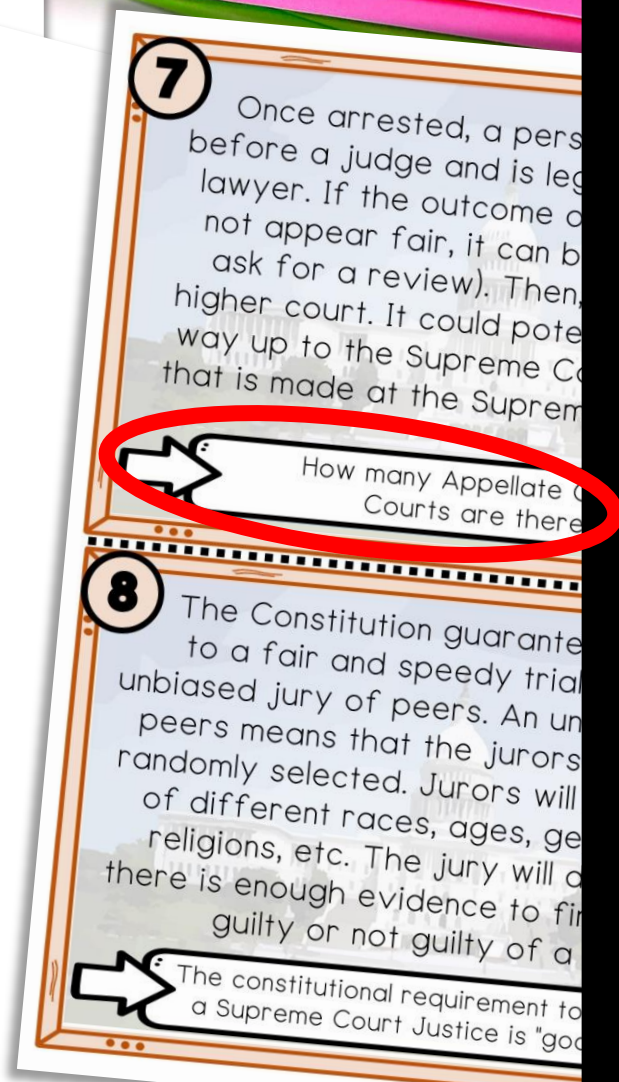


# HOW IT WORKS



## 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.



# 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

