

# SUPREME COURT

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Q3 How many freedoms are included in the 1st Amendment?

Q4 What is another word for liberties (found in parenthesis)?

Q5 What is a change or addition to the U.S. Constitution known as?

Q6 Many of the delegates from states would not ratify, or sign the Constitution.

Q7 The Bill of Rights was provided for all \_\_\_\_\_.

Q8 The Bill of Rights has provided the foundation of freedom for all \_\_\_\_\_.

Q9 Who drafted a Bill of Rights that had 19 amendments?




















Q10 What word means plan of government?

Number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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| Q6                       | Q7                       | Q8                       | Q9                       | Q10                      |

CODE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ used as YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ with just 3 letters.

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Record the letters for each answer below, then use the decoder to find the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question #1 was a 3-letter word, the decoder would be: Q1 Q2 Q3

LETTERS



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| Q1                       | Q2                       | Q3                       |                          |                          |

ALPHA CODE

### CARD #1



The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States. This court is also at the top of the Judicial Branch (Article III) of government. This branch does not make any laws. It is responsible for interpreting what the laws mean and how they legally impact the citizens of the United States. 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 crime. This court has a big impact on people across the United States by deciding and ruling on laws and cases.

**THINK TANK**

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| LAWS  |                          |
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### CARD #3

Justices serve in the Supreme Court until retirement, impeachment, or death. Impeachment is when a high-ranking government official is accused 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 education requirements, no experience requirements, and no citizenship requirements to become a Justice.

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| IMPEACHMENT   |                          |
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| ELECTION  |                          |



# WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- ✓ 10 READING CARDS
- ✓ 10 QUESTIONS
- ✓ RECORDING SHEET
- ✓ ANSWER KEY
- ✓ STUDENT DIRECTIONS
- ✓ TEACHER DIRECTIONS
- ✓ EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

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## CARD #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.



## CARD #7

Other landmark Supreme Court cases include Tinker v. Des Moines which explores the legal concept of freedom of speech and the 1st Amendment. Gideon v. Wainwright was about the right to counsel or a lawyer (6th Amendment). Miranda v. Arizona was about a person understanding their rights and self-incrimination (5th Amendment).



## CARD #9

The Supreme Court was first founded in 1789 as the Nation's Court. One of the Supreme Court buildings was built in 1932. It took three years to complete and cost approximately \$9 million. It was made of marble from Vermont, Alabama, and Italy.



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**ANSWER SHEET - NUMERIC CODE**

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question. Questions #1-10 will NOT be found on card #1. You have to read each reading card to find your answer. The card number you found the answer to is the numeric code. Write the letter for the numeric code in the box.

How many questions involve...? How many questions involve...? How many questions involve...?

**CARD #1**

The Bill of Rights is a part of the original US Constitution. It includes the first ten amendments. An amendment is a change to the US Constitution. Each of the ten amendments outlines very different issues. These amendments guarantee basic rights and freedoms to the citizens of the United States. The Bill of Rights was drafted independently from the US Constitution, then added later. Before the Constitution, the original 13 states were under the authority of the Articles of Confederation.

FREEDOMS ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION AMENDMENT

**CARD #S AND QUESTIONS**

Write the answer to each question on the answer sheet in the box.

If you are answering a question, be sure you are writing the correct answer.

Record the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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**NUMERIC CODE**

Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as your answer. All numbers that are spelled with just one letter are spelled with the letter F. Do not change the order of the numbers.

**ANSWER KEY**

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| =I  |   |     |

**SUMMARY**

TOPIC SENTENCE

## VOCABULARY PRACTICE

Directions: Choose 5 words from the reading cards that are unfamiliar or new to you and fill in the chart below.

| WORD | PICTURE | DEFINITION |
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Record the letters for each corresponding letter. If the answer is a letter, write the letter in the box. Eliminate the high



# 10 READING CARDS

**CARD #1**

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JUDICIAL LAWS

**CARD #2**

Judges of the Supreme Court are called Justices. There are usually nine Justices but as few as six. The head of the Justices is the Chief Justice. The remaining eight Justices are Associate Justices. Since the 1800's, Justices wear long black robes as a tradition.

**CARD #3**

Justices serve in the Supreme Court until retirement, impeachment, or death. Impeachment is when a ranking government official is accused 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 decisions on the law. Justices must have a law degree, a minimum of 14 years of legal experience, and U.S. citizenship requirements to become a Justice.

CITIZENSHIP IMPEACHMENT ELECT

**CARD #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 in a case. Not all appeals will make it to the Supreme Court. In fact, the Justices vote on which cases they will not make it. Four out of nine Justices must agree to hear a case. Some cases go directly to the Supreme Court.

**CARD #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.

DISSENTING OPINION JURY

**CARD #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 therefore not enforceable.

**CARD #7**

Other landmark Supreme Court cases include Tinker v. Des Moines which established the legal concept of freedom of speech under the First Amendment. Gideon v. Wainwright established the right to counsel or a lawyer (under the Sixth Amendment). Miranda v. Arizona established the right of a person understanding their rights before being arrested (under the Fifth Amendment). Brown v. Board of Education established that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional (under the Fourteenth Amendment).

CONCEPT CONSTRUCTION ALABAMA THREE

**CARD #8**

The Supreme Court hears 80-90 cases a year. Many are highly important and they impact people across the country. The Supreme Court sessions are called 'Oyez, Oyez, Oyez' to get everyone's attention. The annual sessions run from the first Monday in October through late June or early July.

OCTOBER CASES

**CARD #9**

The Supreme Court was first founded in 1789 as the Nation's Court. Construction of the Supreme Court building began in 1800 and took three years to complete. It cost approximately \$9 million to build. The building is located in Washington, D.C. and is named after the state of Georgia.

**CARD #10**

The Supreme Court often faces complex decisions. Since this court is the highest court and final ruling, many controversial cases end up here. The Supreme Court can also review the decisions of Congress and even the President and a system of checks and balances.

CONGRESS BALANCE

**ANSWER SHEET: ALPHA CODE**

Use the decoder to determine which LETTER your answer choice indicates (based on the questions on the other page). Refer back to the card WHERE you FOUND the answer to determine the letters.

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**ANSWER SHEET: NUMERIC CODE**

Answer the questions below by skimming the reading cards seeking TEXT EVIDENCE. Question # 1 will NOT be found on card # 1, you'll have to visit each reading card to find your answer. Be sure to indicate WHERE you found the answer at the bottom of this page. Then, refer back to THAT card (where you FOUND the answer) to determine the letter for the ALPHA code on the next page.

Q1 \_\_\_\_ out of nine Justices must agree to hear an appealed case.

Q2 \_\_\_\_ Supreme Court can also review the decisions of \_\_\_\_ even the President.

Q3 \_\_\_\_ v. Arizona was about a person understanding their rights before being arrested.

Q4 How many years did it take to build the Supreme Court building?

Q5 What color is the robe that the Justices wear?

Q6 Every Supreme Court session starts with the words "\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_."

Q7 The Supreme Court is at the top of the \_\_\_\_ Branch of government.

Q8 A Justice who disagrees with the majority gives a \_\_\_\_ opinion.

Q9 What word means being accused of misconduct while in office?

Q10 One Supreme Court case was \_\_\_\_ v. Board of Education.

Refer to the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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| Q2 The Supreme Court can also review the decisions of ___ and even the President. | Q7 The Supreme Court is at the top of the ___ Branch of government.   |
| Q3 ___ v. Arizona was about a person understanding self-incrimination.            | Q8 A Justice who disagrees with the majority gives a ___ opinion.     |
| Q4 How many years did it take for the Supreme Court building to be complete?      | Q9 What word means being accused of misconduct while in office?       |
| Q5 What color is the robe that the Justices wear?                                 | Q10 One Supreme Court case was ___ v. Board of Education.             |

Write the card number where you FOUND the answer to each question.

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**ALPHA CODE**

For each answer below, then use the decoder to grab the corresponding letter. If the answer to Question # 1 was a crown, the letter would be C.

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Eliminate the highest & lowest number used as one of YOUR answers.  
Get rid of all numbers that are not used as one of YOUR answers.

Eliminate the highest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.  
Eliminate the lowest CONSONANT used as one of YOUR answers.

How many letters remain?

Do not change the order.

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**STUDENTS MAY START AT ANY QUESTION AND VISIT THE CARDS SEVERAL TIMES SEEKING TEXT EVIDENCE.**

2

**STUDENTS WILL RECORD **WHERE** THEY FOUND THE ANSWER.**

3

**STUDENTS WILL USE THE CLUES TO DETERMINE A 4-DIGIT ALPHA CODE AND 4-DIGIT NUMERIC CODE.**

# COMBINATION




This scavenger hunt is a winning combination of:

- ✓ **movement**
- ✓ **close reading**
- ✓ **comprehension skills**
- ✓ **secret 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
-  Unit review
-  Early finishers
-  Stations
-  Sub plans
-  Partner work
-  Enrichment

-  Movement
-  Cross-curricular
-  Highly engaging

