**Judicial Branch Web Quest**

Begin this Web Quest by visiting the following site:

<http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/court-role-and-structure/comparing-federal-state-courts>

1. How are Judges selected for the Federal Court system?

2. How are Judges selected for the State Court System?

3. Name two types of cases heard at the Federal Courts

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4. Name two types of cases heard at the State courts.

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Now you will take a closer look at the Federal Court System.  Go to the following website and fill in the chart below:  <http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/court-role-and-structure>

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| *District Court*    There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (# )U.S. District Courts. In the United states.  District courts resolve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by determining the facts and applying legal principles to decide who is right.   They are trial courts.  Trial courts include the district \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who tries the case and a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that decides the case.  There is at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ district court in each state, and the District of Columbia. |
| *Court of Appeals*  There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ appellate courts that sit below the U.S. Supreme Court, and they are called the U.S. Courts of Appeals.  The Court of Appeal’s task is to determine whether or not the law was applied \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the trial court.  Appeals courts consist of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ judges and do NOT use a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |
| *Supreme Court*  The Supreme Court is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ court in the United States. Article \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the U.S. Constitution created the Supreme Court and authorized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to pass laws establishing a system of lower courts.  In other words, this is the only court set up in the Constitution. |

*Note: The remainder of this Web Quest will focus on the Supreme Court*

For questions 8-14, Use the following website:  <http://www.supremecourt.gov/about/institution.aspx>

8. In 3-4 sentences explain Judiciary Act of 1789. (Why was it established?) (What did the act do?)

9. The Supreme Court first assembled on what date and where?

10. The number of Justices has changed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times before settings at the present total of 9 in 1869.

11. How many Chief Justices have we had since the creation of the court? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. How many Associate Justices? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13.  The average length a justice serves for is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

14. On average a new Justice joins the Court almost every \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

For questions 15-16, Use the following website: <https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/justices.aspx>

15. Who is the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. List the 8 Associate Justices

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5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_            6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_            8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For question 17, use the following website:  <http://www.supremecourt.gov/about/biographies.aspx>

17. Pick one Justice to read about. In 3 -4 sentences summarize their experience and achievements.