

Name _____

Hour _____

The Judicial Branch Guided Notes

The United States Constitution

Article 3

What is the main function of the Judicial Branch?

- Study and interpret the law
 - ↳ declare laws/actions unconstitutional

2)

Powers/Limitations of the Judicial Branch

- Jurisdiction - defined area of responsibility
 - power to try federal cases
 - power to declare ^{Trial} executive orders unconstitutional

Executive Check

- POTUS (President) appoints members to SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States)

Legislative Check

- impeach judges
 - ↳ remove from office
- approves POTUS appointments

"such inferior courts" - set up by Congress

US District Courts	- lowest level - most cases start and end in this court
US Court of Appeals	- Appellate Court ↳ can change <u>verdict</u> of district court Final decision
US Supreme Court	SCOTUS decisions are difficult to overturn ↳ <u>Precedent</u>

12 total

1 total

* Know For *
Test

Name _____

Hour _____

The Supreme Court (Article 3, Section 1)

Requirements:

NO requirements!

↳ No law degree required

* But every person on supreme court has always had a law degree

- Appointed by POTUS

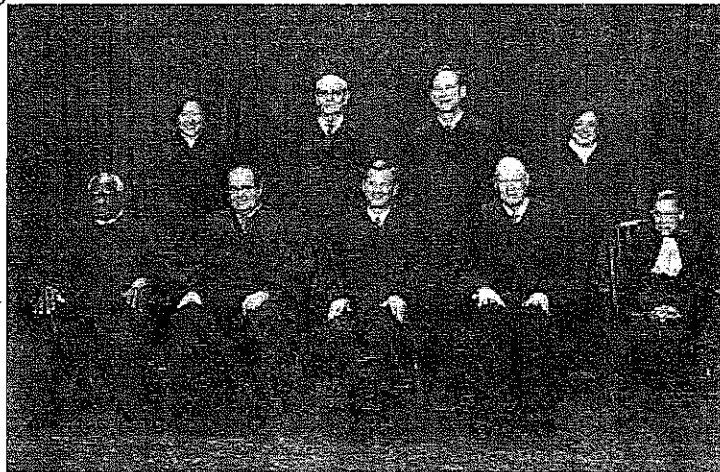
- Congress makes approval

• Life term

↳ Serve entire life until they quit or die

• 9 total justices

↳ 1 chief justice



How does the Supreme Court make a decision?

* Will be on test!

• Precedents - a legal decision that sets a ~~rule~~ formal rule or pattern for future cases

• Constitution - ultimate rule of law

• No one is allowed to watch the supreme court cases or decisions