

The Role of the Federal Courts

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Directions: Each page in the Student Center ends with a Student Challenge. Click the red “Start” button to begin each challenge. Use the → to move through the questions. This worksheet will guide you through the challenges in the section on The Role of the Federal Courts. Mark your score for each challenge.

Student Center: <http://judiciallearningcenter.org/student-center/>

Law and the Rule of Law

Use the → to move through the questions.

1. Read the statements given, and decide which one is a good example of the principle of the rule of law.

Write your answer here.

Letter:

Statement:

Click “Get Results.” Your Score: ____ / 1

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The Constitution

Use the → to move through the questions.

1. I need to find out how to amend or change the Constitution

Write your answer here.

Letter:

Article Number:

2. I would like to know if states can make national laws

Write your answer here.

Letter:

Article Number:

3. I would like to know what qualifications I must meet to be a member of the House of Representatives

Write your answer here.

Letter:

Article Number:

4. I would like to know how many states had to ratify the Constitution for it to go into effect

Write your answer here.

Letter:

Article Number:

5. I would like to know the powers and responsibilities of the president

Write your answer here.

Letter:

Article Number:

6. I would like to know the kinds of cases federal judges hear

Write your answer here.

Letter:

Article Number:

Click “Get Results.” Your Score: ___ / 6

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The Ratification Debate

Use the → to move through the questions.

1. They did not want the U.S. Constitution to go into effect.

Circle FEDERALIST or ANTI-FEDERALIST

2. They supported the formation of the new federal government of the United States.

Circle FEDERALIST or ANTI-FEDERALIST

3. They believed that by dividing the government into separate branches, with checks and balances, no one branch or person could get too powerful.

Circle FEDERALIST or ANTI-FEDERALIST

4. They were worried that the original Constitution did not contain a statement of rights, such as freedom of speech or trial by jury.

Circle FEDERALIST or ANTI-FEDERALIST

Click “Get Results.” Your Score: ___ / 4

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Article III and the Courts

Use the → to move through the questions.

1. Article III tells us that the federal courts will hear cases arising under the U.S. Constitution.

Circle True or False

2. Article III tells us the specific qualifications that judges must meet to get a job in the Federal courts, including age limits, citizenship requirements, and residency guidelines.

Circle True or False

3. Article III defines the crime of treason, and explains the process for finding someone guilty of this crime.
Circle True or False
4. Article III tells us exactly how many inferior, or lower, courts there need to be.
Circle True or False
5. Article III tells us that there will be one Supreme Court, but doesn't say how large or small that court will be.
Circle True or False

Click "Get Results." Your Score: ___ / 5

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The Constitution and Rights

Use the → to move through the questions.

1. The freedom of speech
Write your answer here.
Letter:
Amendment Number:
2. Freedom from self-incrimination
Write your answer here.
Letter:
Amendment Number:
3. The right to an attorney
Write your answer here.
Letter:
Amendment Number:
4. The right to be free from "cruel or unusual" punishment
Write your answer here.
Letter:
Amendment Number:
5. Freedom in your home and possessions, so the police need a warrant to search your home.
Write your answer here.
Letter:
Amendment Number:
6. Incorporates the Bill of Rights to the state governments
Write your answer here.
Letter:
Amendment Number:

Click "Get Results." Your Score: ___ / 6

You have reached the end of THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL COURTS.

Add up your total score:

Law and the Rule of Law: ___ / 1

The Constitution: ___ / 6

The Ratification Debate: ___ / 4

Article III and the Courts: ___ / 5

The Constitution and Rights: ___ / 6

Total: ___ / 22

Dear Teachers:

Each Student Challenge WebQuest covers one of the main sections from the Judicial Learning Center’s Student Center. The worksheet guide can be given to students as individuals or in groups, to provide a way to check progress through each content section.

Also, administration of the pre- and post- test for this section, before and after the unit of study, is recommended.

The Role of the Federal Courts – ANSWER KEY

Law and the Rule of Law (1 pt)

1. Read the statements below, and decide which one is a good example of the principle of the rule of law.
D. Your neighbor is accused of a crime. She has an attorney who will represent her at a trial. A jury of her peers will make the final decision. The entire trial is open to the public.

The Constitution (6 pts)

1. I need to find out how to amend or change the Constitution
C. Article V (5)
2. I would like to know if states can make national laws
B. Article IV (4)
3. I would like to know what qualifications I must meet to be a member of the House of Representatives
A. Article I (1)
4. I would like to know how many states had to ratify the Constitution for it to go into effect
D. Article VII (7)
5. I would like to know the powers and responsibilities of the president
B. Article II (2)
6. I would like to know the kinds of cases federal judges hear
C. Article III (3)

The Ratification Debate (4 pts)

1. They did not want the U.S. Constitution to go into effect.
B. ANTI-FEDERALIST
2. They supported the formation of the new federal government of the United States.
A. FEDERALIST
3. They believed that by dividing the government into separate branches, with checks and balances, no one branch or person could get too powerful.
A. FEDERALIST
4. They were worried that the original Constitution did not contain a statement of rights, such as freedom of speech or trial by jury.
B. ANTI-FEDERALIST

Article III and the Courts (5 pts)

1. Article III tells us that the federal courts will hear cases arising under the U.S. Constitution.
A. TRUE
2. Article III tells us the specific qualifications that judges must meet to get a job in the Federal courts, including age limits, citizenship requirements, and residency guidelines.
B. FALSE
3. Article III defines the crime of treason, and explains the process for finding someone guilty of this crime.
A. TRUE
4. Article III tells us exactly how many inferior, or lower, courts there need to be.
B. FALSE
5. Article III tells us that there will be one Supreme Court, but doesn't say how large or small that court will be.
A. TRUE

The Constitution and Rights (6 pts)

1. The freedom of speech
A. 1st
2. Freedom from self-incrimination
C. 5th
3. The right to an attorney
D. 6th
4. The right to be free from "cruel or unusual" punishment
B. 8th
5. Freedom in your home and possessions, so the police need a warrant to search your home.
D. 4th
6. Incorporates the Bill of Rights to the state governments
A. 14th

Total 22 pts