## A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE COURTS:







## **Judges Compare State and Federal Judicial Systems**

## **PRE/POST TEST** (*Grades 6-8*):

- 1. You are a federal judge. Which of the following is true?
  - a. Your court has general jurisdiction.
  - b. You were nominated by a judicial commission.
  - c. The voters will determine whether you keep your job after a few years.
  - d. You were appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
- 2. In an average year,
  - a. State court judges hear more cases than federal court judges.
  - b. Federal court judges hear more cases than state court judges.
  - c. Federal and state court judges hear roughly the same number of cases.
  - d. State cases are transferred to federal court if a trial will be involved.
- 3. In a federal court,
  - a. Trials are likely to take less time than trials conducted in a state court.
  - b. Cases are heard by a judge who has been selected with the Missouri Plan.
  - c. Cases are likely to involve issues arising from both the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution.
  - d. Cases are heard by a judge who has a lifetime appointment.
- 4. In the state of Missouri
  - a. There are more federal courts than state courts.
  - b. There are more state courts than federal courts.
  - c. There are an equal number of state and federal courts
  - d. Only state courts are allowed to hear cases involving Missouri citizens.
- 5. You are a state judge. Which of the following is true?
  - a. Your court has limited jurisdiction.
  - b. The voters will determine whether you keep your job after a few years.
  - c. You have a lifetime appointment.
  - d. You were appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
- 6. The division of power between state and federal courts is an example of:
  - a. Separation of Powers
  - b. Judicial Supremacy
  - c. Judicial Review
  - d. Federalism