

8th Grade Civics

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The Judicial Branch

What you will learn:

Section 1:

- What majority rule is and how it affects the making of laws
- The four types of law in the United States
- The role of the court system in the United States

Section 2:

- Cases tried in federal court
- How the federal court is organized
- The role of the Supreme Court

Section 1: Equal Justice under the law

Laws for the good of all:

1. What do laws usually represent?
2. Why do laws change?
3. What does every citizen have the duty to do?

Kinds of laws:

4. Define the following:
 - a. Statutory law-
 - b. Common law-
 - c. Precedent-
 - d. Administrative law-
 - e. Constitutional law-

Right to a Fair trial:

5. How does the law guarantee justice?
6. What five rights does it use to do this?
 - a. -
 - b. -
 - c. -

d. -

e. -

Terms to know:

7. Define the following:

a. Petite jury-

b. Verdict-

c. Hung jury-

d. Cross examination-

e. Testimony-

f. Appeal-

Section 2: The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court:

8. What is the highest court in the land?

9. Where does it meet?

10. What does it mainly review?

11. Can the decisions of the Supreme Court be appealed?

Other types of cases:

12. What 3 other types of cases are tried in the Supreme Court?

a. -

b. -

c. -