



## The Judicial Branch

### Step 1. Reading

Read Section 9.5 and answer the questions below:

1. What is the main job performed by the judicial branch?  
The judicial branch interprets the laws.
2. What different types of courts make up the judicial branch?  
The federal court system is made up of the Supreme Court, district courts, and appellate courts.
3. What is meant by the term *judicial review*?  
Under judicial review, the Supreme Court has the power to review the laws and actions of the executive and legislative branches and decide if they are constitutional.

### Step 2. Constitution Question Cards

Get a set of Judicial Branch cards. To answer each question, refer to either Section 9.5 or the Constitution, which starts on page 474 in *History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism*. Record the answers below in complete sentences. For bonus points, record the article and section where the answer can be found.

#### Answer

13. Supreme Court justices serve for life.
14. The federal courts review national (federal) laws or laws of the United States.
15. The federal courts have to power to settle disputes between states.
16. There are nine members of the Supreme Court.

#### Article/Section

- Art. III, Sec. 1  
Art. III, Sec. 2  
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