

You Be the Judge: Test Your Third Branch Brains

1. The highest court in the land and the final decider of constitutional questions is

- A. Congress
- B. The President
- C. The U.S. District Courts
- D. The U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals
- E. The Supreme Court of the United States

2. What is meant by the term judicial review?

- A. Another name for the Third Branch of government
- B. The power of Congress to make laws
- C. Appealing cases to a higher court
- D. The courts' authority to enforce the laws
- E. The courts' authority to declare a law or an act by the other two branches unconstitutional

3. An important power of the judiciary is

- A. The ability to add laws to the Constitution
- B. The judiciary's independence from the other two branches of government
- C. The courts' ability to use force when applying laws.
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

4. How can law-abiding citizens get involved in the court system?

- A. Serving on juries
- B. Acting as witnesses
- C. Resolving disputes peacefully in court
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

5. Courts are established to

- A. Conduct fair and impartial hearings about disputes
- B. Settle disputes between individuals
- C. Settle disputes between states
- D. Ensure that proper legal procedures are followed
- E. All of the above

Answer Key

- 1. E
- 2. E
- 3. B
- 4. D
- 5. E