

United States Government
Chapter 7 Study Guide: The Judicial Branch

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Key Terms: On flashcards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Crime | 8. Constitutional law | 15. Supreme Court |
| 2. Criminal law | 9. Appeal | 16. Judicial review |
| 3. Civil law | 10. Jurisdiction | 17. Remand |
| 4. Statute | 11. District courts | 18. Opinion |
| 5. Common law | 12. Original jurisdiction | 19. Concurring opinion |
| 6. Precedent | 13. Courts of appeals | 20. Dissenting opinion |
| 7. Administrative law | 14. Appellate jurisdiction | |

Questions: Answer the following questions. Use the resources provided on my web site for assistance.

1. Why do societies need laws?
2. Describe the scope of criminal law.
3. How is civil law different from criminal law?
4. Briefly describe the following sources of law.
 - a. Statutory law:
 - b. Common law:
 - c. Administrative law:
 - d. Constitutional law:
5. What rights do accused criminals have in our justice system?
6. What is the difference between original and appellate jurisdiction?
7. Briefly describe the different levels of the federal court system.
 - a. District courts:
 - b. U.S. Courts of Appeals:

c. U.S. Supreme Court:

8. What is meant by the power of judicial review?
9. How did the case of *Marbury v. Madison* establish judicial review?
10. How does the Supreme Court decide which cases to hear?
11. Describe the differences between the following types of judicial opinions.
 - a. Majority opinion:
 - b. Concurring opinion:
 - c. Dissenting opinion:
12. How many justices serve on the Supreme Court, and how do they get the job?
13. What methods exist for other branches to check the power of the courts?