Supreme Court Video Guide

1. The United States has both federal courts and state courts. But the Supreme Court only hears cases from the federal courts.

[ ]  True

[ ]  False

1. Currently there are 9 justices on the United States Supreme Court, how many votes does it take to hear a case?

[ ]  5

[ ]  6

[ ]  4

[ ]  3

1. Many of the state courts in the United States are older than the United States Supreme Court

[ ]  True

[ ]  False

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are filed by people or organizations who are interested in the case, but not necessarily involved.
2. John Marshall was the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Justice?

[ ]  First

[ ]  Second

[ ]  Third

[ ]  Fourth

1. The Chief Justice gets two votes.

[ ]  True

[ ]  False

1. When the Supreme Court issues a decision it is taking a position on whether the Justices think something's a good idea or not.

[ ]  True

[ ]  False

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are papers explaining why one side should win and why the other should lose.

[ ]  Petitions

[ ]  Briefs

[ ]  Shorts

[ ]  Documents of the Court

1. The Chief Justice has many special perks. For example, he or she has the final say if a case will be heard by the Supreme Court.

[ ]  True

[ ]  False

1. When the Chief Justice is in the majority, the Chief Justice decides who writes the opinion for the court.

[ ]  True

[ ]  False