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.

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False

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

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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.

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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