

Supreme Court Webquest

First Stop

Go to <http://www.hippocampus.org/>

Choose American Government on the left side under subjects
Scroll down to The Judiciary

Judicial Activism and Restraint

1. What is judicial restraint?
2. How is this different from judicial activism?
3. What do judicial activists use as proof for their cause?
4. How do those who believe in judicial restraint make their argument?
5. What is the Doctrine of Principle?

Judicial Review and Construction

1. What is judicial review?
2. Who is the final authority on Constitutionality?
3. What amendment do most civil liberties cases deal with?
4. What is judicial construction?
5. For a loose constructionist, supporters point to what two clauses to support their view?
6. For a strict constructionist, all interpretation for the Constitution should be based on what?

Second Stop

Go to <http://oyez.org/>

Choose Justices on the top tool bar.

1. How many justices sit on the Supreme Court?
2. What is the lead Supreme Court Justice called?
3. Choose on justice, click on his name and write three facts about him/her.

Go back to the home page.
Choose the middle section “Browse Case Issues”
Pick a case issue that interests you.

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*After you are finished, take a minute to keep browsing the site if you want. There are oral arguments on the bottom if you want to listen to a case being argued. You can watch the video of Justice Sotomayor being sworn into office. There is a lot of interesting material on this website—especially if you are interested in law!

Third Stop:

Go to <http://www.pbs.org/>
Type in Supreme Court in the search box
Click on the second option: The Supreme Court|PBS

On the home page of the site, there are a list of videos on the right side. Pick one to watch and summarize.

1. Name of video:
2. Main points of clip:

Then click on Timeline on the top tool bar.
Hold your mouse over the year 1966.

1. What famous case was decided in 1966?
2. What was the decision?

Scroll over to 1981.

1. What significant event happened in 1981?

Scroll over to 1989.

1. What happened in *Texas v. Johnson*?

*If you still have time left in class, either watch another video or play a Supreme Court Game.