

Due Friday, December 11, 2009- 25 points p. 460-476, plus website for US Supreme Court

Answers must be typed.

Chapter 18 Section 1

1. Give an Example (not simply a definition but an example where the definition is clearly incorporated in the example) of each of the following
 - a. Subject matter jurisdiction
 - b. Exclusive Jurisdiction
 - c. Concurrent Jurisdiction
 - d. Original Jurisdiction
 - e. Appellate Jurisdiction.
2.
 - a. What kind of background would you expect a federal judge to have (law school, prior career)?
 - b. What is the length of a Federal Judge's term?
 - i. Why do you think the Constitution elected to give them such a long term?

Chapter 18 Section II

3. What is the relationship between a District Court, Court of Appeals and the US Supreme Court?
4. Make up a real life example of a case and how it would get from one court to the next?

Chapter 18 Section III

5. What does the term Judicial Review mean and where is it found in the Constitution?
6. If Marbury didn't get the job Adams wanted him to get and Marshall rules for Jefferson, why is the case Madison v. Marbury such a big deal?
7. Under what circumstances is a writ of certiorari granted?
8. What's brief and how is it different than oral argument?
9. What is the job of the solicitor general?
10. What percentage of the Court's decisions are unanimous?
11. What is it called when someone writes an opinion agreeing with the majority, but not the majority opinion itself?

Go to the following website:

<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/about/biographiescurrent.pdf>

Review 3 Supreme Court Judges biographies (none are longer than a paragraph), and state 3 things you found interesting.