

## Unit 2 – Part 3: The Judiciary

### **20 multiple choice questions. 1 Free Response Question.**

Anything from our readings, the textbook, or from class is fair game for the test.

To prepare for the test you should look over your class notes, read any handouts or readings, reread the chapters from the textbook, confer with your classmates, watch any videos and view any links from class, and study the following.

### **Define the following terms**

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Concurring opinion        | 14. Justiciable disputes   |
| 2. Writ of certiorari        | 15. class action suits     |
| 3. Original jurisdiction     | 16. Judicial review        |
| 4. amicus curiae             | 17. Civil law              |
| 5. Judicial activism         | 18. Defendant              |
| 6. Judicial restraint        | 19. Solicitor General      |
| 7. Implementation            | 20. Appellate jurisdiction |
| 8. Administrative discretion | 21. Court of appeals       |
| 9. Rule                      | 22. Precedent              |
| 10. Dissenting opinion       | 23. Writ of certiorari     |
| 11. Concurring opinion       | 24. In forma pauperis      |
| 12. Federal Register         | 25. docket                 |
| 13. Stare decisis            |                            |

### **Answer the following questions**

#### **The Judiciary**

1. What is one check the Supreme Court has on the presidency?
2. Who represents the government in front of the Supreme Court?
3. Who are the two Supreme Court appointees under Clinton?
4. How many Supreme Court justices are there?
5. Name **all** the current Supreme Court justices?
8. Describe the structure of the federal Court system:
9. Describe the federal prosecution and defense system:
10. Discuss the politics of judicial selection:
11. Describe how cases get to the Supreme Court.
12. What is the role of oral argument in Supreme Court cases?
13. What portion of federal cases end up with a plea bargain
14. Explain the main differences between judicial activism and restraint:
15. Describe the major steps in a case going through the Supreme Court:

#### **Free Response Question**

1. Judicial conservatives and activists have long battled for control of the US Supreme Court.
  - a. Describe two fundamental beliefs of judicial conservative
  - b. Describe two fundamental beliefs of judicial activists.
  - c. Choose any landmark Supreme Court case and explain how the majority opinion in that case reflected judicial activism.

#### **Brainstorm**

List & define the top 5 terms you think will be on the test.