



Social Studies Virtual Learning

AP Government:

U2 Judicial Branch Review (Pt 1)

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Objective: CON 5.A

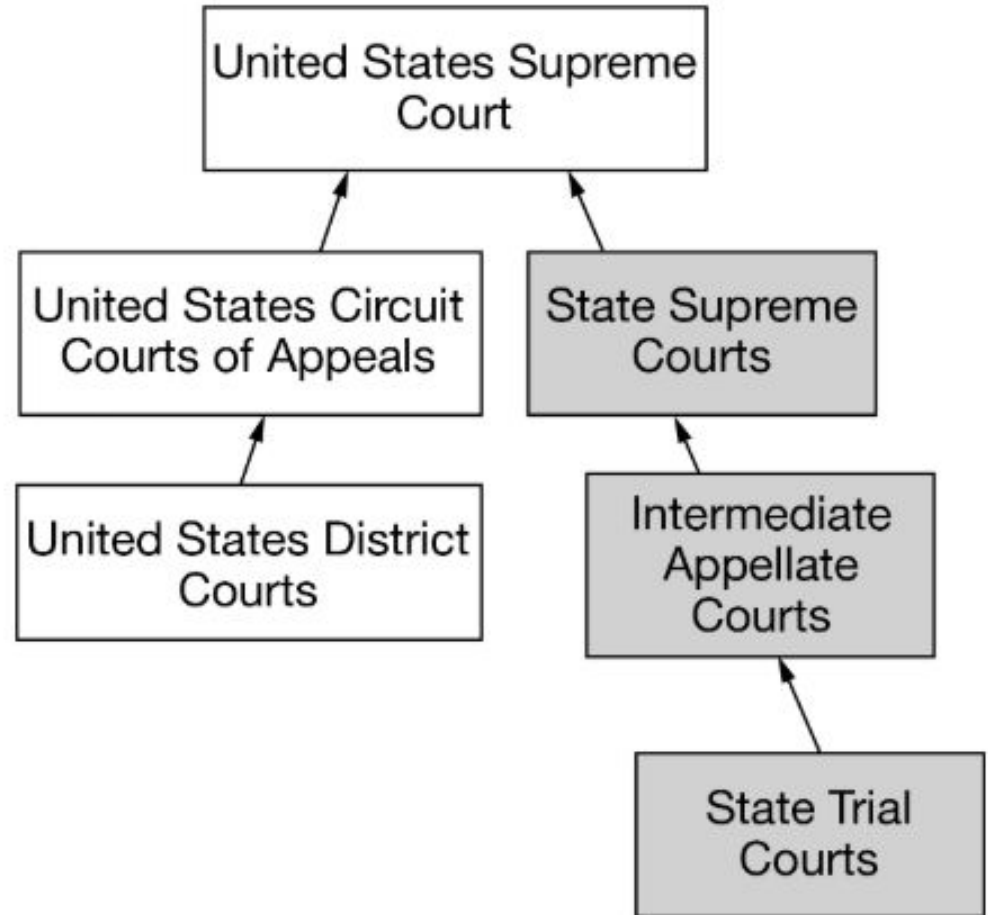
Explain the principle of judicial review and how it checks the power of the other institutions and state governments.

Warm Up

Define “appellate jurisdiction.”

Identify one way this diagram helps explain the idea of appellate jurisdiction.

Supreme Court Appellate Jurisdiction



Lesson Activity

Since this lesson is all about being a review of the idea of judicial review, let's take a minute and go back to *Marbury v. Madison*, a required court case for AP Gov. Watch this [Khan Academy Video](#) and take notes on the following:

- Case BACKGROUND
- What QUESTION is the Court being asked to decide (remember: it's NOT if Marbury should have his job!!)
- What the DECISION was
- Why the case was IMPORTANT

Lesson Activity- Define & Review Key Terms

- Amicus Curiae
- Appellate jurisdiction (You did this one already! Did you define it as listening to court cases on appeal? Meaning they've already been heard in a lower court?)
- Habeas corpus
- Independent judiciary
- Judicial activism
- *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)
- Original jurisdiction
- Rule of Four
- Stare Decisis
- Writ of Certiorari ("cert")

Practice- Short Answer Question

Use your notes to answer the following prompt:

The US Supreme Court receives many appeals, but it hears and rules on a small percentage of cases each year. Numerous factors influence the actions of the Court, both in deciding to hear a case and in the decisions it hands down.

- 1) Define judicial review.
- 2) Explain how judicial review empowers the Supreme Court within the system of checks & balances.
- 3) Describe the process through which the Court grants a writ of certiorari.
- 4) Explain how each of the following influences decisions made by individual justices when deciding cases heard by the Court:
 - a) Stare decisis
 - b) Judicial activism

Reflection

What are three ways the idea of judicial review checks the power of other federal government institutions as well as state governments?