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Reading Guide Chapter 16

Directions: Print out the reading guide questions and answer them. All work must be completed in blue or black ink. Reading Guide questions are due on the day of exam for that unit.

1. Complete the following table on the structure of the federal judicial system.

Court	Number of Courts	Number of Judges	Jurisdiction	Policy Implications
District Court				
Court of Appeal				
Supreme Court				

2. List three conditions in which nominations to the Supreme Court are more likely to run into trouble.

- a.
- b.
- c.

3. List six criteria that have been important in choosing Supreme Court Nominees over the years.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

4. In what ways might it be argued that courts are not very democratic institutions?

5. Explain the difference between judicial activism and judicial restraint.

6. Complete the chart by defining the terms “political question” and “statutory construction” as they apply to the Supreme Court and give an example of each.

Term	Definition	Example
Political Question		
Statutory Construction		

APGOV TERMS: Directions: Completely identify the following terms.

1.	Criminal Law
2.	Civil Law
3.	Justiciable Disputes
4.	Senatorial Courtesy
5.	Constitutional Courts

6.	Legislative Courts
7.	Solicitor General
8.	Majority Opinion
9.	Dissenting Opinion
10.	Concurring Opinion
11.	Stare Decisis
12.	Precedent
13.	Judicial Review
14.	Standing to sue
15.	Original jurisdiction
16.	Appellate jurisdiction
17.	Class Action Suits
18.	Original Intent