

## Chapter 10 Test

### Key Terms

From the box below, choose the term that matches each definition. Write the letter of the answer in the space provided.

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| a. judicial review       | e. defendant         | i. appellate jurisdiction |
| b. original jurisdiction | f. judicial activism | j. plaintiff              |
| c. opinion               | g. prosecution       | k. judicial restraint     |
| d. appeal                | h. precedent         | l. courts of appeals      |

- \_\_\_ 1. government body that brings a criminal charge against the accused
- \_\_\_ 2. individual or group that brings a complaint against another party
- \_\_\_ 3. request for a higher court to review a case
- \_\_\_ 4. power of the Supreme Court to overturn laws
- \_\_\_ 5. guidelines for how similar cases should be decided in the future
- \_\_\_ 6. effort by judges to play an active role in making policy
- \_\_\_ 7. written statement explaining a decision
- \_\_\_ 8. party who defends against a complaint
- \_\_\_ 9. effort by judges to avoid overturning laws
- \_\_\_ 10. the authority to hear a case first
- \_\_\_ 11. the authority to hear a case from a lower court
- \_\_\_ 12. handle appeals from federal district courts

### Main Ideas

Write the letter of the correct answer in the space provided.

- \_\_\_ 13. Who is *least* influenced by public opinion?
  - a. the President
  - b. senators
  - c. Supreme Court justices
  - d. representatives
- \_\_\_ 14. Federal circuit courts hear appeals from
  - a. federal courts of appeals.
  - b. district courts.
  - c. the Supreme Court.
  - d. state supreme courts.
- \_\_\_ 15. How can a precedent help a judge make a decision?
  - a. The judge may find an earlier case similar to the current case.
  - b. A judge may use a precedent to discuss a current political issue.
  - c. A judge may use a precedent to question people not part of the case.
  - d. The judge may use a precedent to keep secrets from lawyers.

- \_\_\_\_ 16. The judicial branch of the federal government is made up of
  - a. the Supreme Court and the federal courts.
  - b. the U.S. Supreme Court and the state supreme courts.
  - c. judges and members of Congress.
  - d. the federal and state court systems.
  
- \_\_\_\_ 17. The Supreme Court hears cases involving
  - a. disputes between states.
  - b. representatives of foreign governments.
  - c. appeals from state and federal courts.
  - d. all of the above

**Critical Thinking**

Answer each of the following questions in the space provided. Write your answers in complete sentences.

- 18. **Contrast** Contrast the role of the legislator and the judge. Explain how each has an impact on the laws of our country.

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- 19. **Support a point of view** Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes said, "The Constitution is what the judges say it is." What did Justice Hughes mean? Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why?

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- 20. **Analyze information** Some people argue that appointed judges should not have what amounts to "veto power over laws passed by elected legislators." What do they mean?

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