



## Judicial Branch - Basics



Why do we have laws?

1. Protection – Protect individuals and society
2. Maintain Order – Without laws chaos would be the norm
3. Promote the Common Good



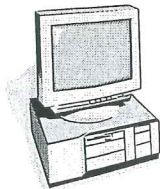
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1. The Legislative Branch - creates the laws
2. The Executive Branch - enforces the laws
3. Judicial Branch - interprets the laws



When are laws created?

- Laws are created to meet the needs of society as it evolves.



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What is the problem with laws?

- They are interpreted differently



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How would you interpret this law? What might be a problem with the wording of this law?

Where are the conflicts resolved when it comes to the interpretation of laws?



- The Judicial Branch – The Courts

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~~Two~~ Main Functions of Courts

1. Resolving Conflicts
  - Resolve disputes between two parties
2. Give punishment to those who violate the law
3. Interpreting the law
  - Courts must determine what the law means
  - Courts often use and refer to Precedents – Actions or decisions that were used before in similar cases or situations.

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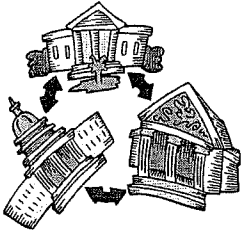


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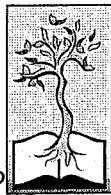
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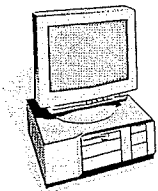
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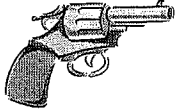


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## **Judicial Branch**

**Why do we have laws? What are they meant to do?**

**Who makes the laws?**

**Who enforces the laws?**

**Who interprets the laws?**

**What happens if you don't follow the laws?**

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Define:

- 259 1. Law: \_\_\_\_\_
- 147 2. Enforce: \_\_\_\_\_
- 240 3. Interpret: \_\_\_\_\_
- 438 4. Society: \_\_\_\_\_
- 71 5. Chaos: \_\_\_\_\_
- 311 6. Norm: \_\_\_\_\_
- 365 7. Promote: \_\_\_\_\_
- 154 8. Evolve: \_\_\_\_\_
- 296 9. Monitor: \_\_\_\_\_
- 89 10. Conceal: \_\_\_\_\_
- 91 11. Conflict: \_\_\_\_\_
- 100 12. Court: \_\_\_\_\_
- 391 13. Resolve: \_\_\_\_\_
- 128 14. Dispute: \_\_\_\_\_
- 525 15. Violate: \_\_\_\_\_
- 357 16. Precedent: \_\_\_\_\_
- 35 17. Basics: \_\_\_\_\_
- 283 18. Meant: \_\_\_\_\_
- 112 19. Dealing: \_\_\_\_\_
- 86 20. Common: \_\_\_\_\_

Write two sentences from the words above using at least 5 words.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_