**We the People**

**“Marbury v. Madison (1803) - Study Questions”**

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Please answer the questions as you read the information from the following website:

[https://www.thirteen.org/wnet/supremecourt/democracy/landmark\_marbury.html:](https://www.thirteen.org/wnet/supremecourt/democracy/landmark_marbury.html%3A)

1. Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Respondent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why is this Supreme Court decision “arguably the most important case” in American history?
4. Who won the presidency in the election of 1800? What political party?
5. The article refers to President John Adams (Federalist) as a “lame duck.” In what way is President Donald Trump now a “lame duck?”
6. What huge mistake had been made by President Adams’ administration?
7. Why did William Marbury petition the Supreme Court?
8. What is a “writ of mandamus?”
9. What is the purpose of a “writ of mandamus?”
10. List the three questions Chief Justice John Marshall had to resolve in this case:
11. List the three responses of the Supreme Court to the three questions listed above:

12. What is “original jurisdiction?”

13. How did Section 13 of the Judiciary Act of 1789 violate Article III of the Constitution?

14. What impact did Chief Justice Marshall’s decision have on the future of the Supreme Court?

15. Briefly explain how this decision of the Supreme Court firmly established the practice of

 “Judicial Review.”