**Practical Law**

**“Supreme Court Review - Spring Semester 2019”**

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Directions:

Go to wshsfernandez.yolasite.com – then click on “Honors Practical Law” – then scroll down past Paul Dennis Reid’s ugly mug shot and click on **“supremecourt.gov.”** We will test over this information… but this written assignment counts as a half-test grade (50 points)… so give this your best… good luck!

**Scroll over “About the Court” at the top-right:**

**Click on “The Supreme Court at Work” and then on “Constitutional Origin,” “Jurisdiction,” and “Term and Case Load” to answer the following questions:**

1. Which article of the Constitution created the Supreme Court?

2. In which types of cases does the Supreme Court have “original jurisdiction?”

3. When does the official term of the Supreme Court begin?

4. How long does a term of the Supreme Court last?

5. Approximately how many petitions are filed with the Supreme Court during a term?

**Scroll over “About the Court” at the top-right, click “Justices,” then click on “Current Members” on the top left, and answer the following:**

6. List the current members of the Supreme Court.

7. Who serves as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court?

8. List the retired justices from the Supreme Court.

9. After the Chief Justice, in what order are the Associate Justices arranged? Explain why the order is significant.

**Click on “History and Traditions” and then “The Court as an Institution:”**

10. What was the original size of the Supreme Court? In other words, how many members were there originally?

11. Why do you think the Founding Fathers gave the power of creating new courts to the Congress in Article III of the Constitution and not to the president?

12. What was the Judiciary Act of 1789?

13. Who was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court? Why did he resign?

14. Describe the first decade of the Supreme Court’s existence.

15. Explain the significance of Chief Justice John Marshall.

16. Who is responsible for making appointments to the Supreme Court?

17. Who is responsible for confirmation hearings of the nominee to the Supreme Court?

18. For what reasons are Supreme Court justices appointed for life, or during terms of good behavior?

19. What is the current size of the Supreme Court? In what year was that size set by law?

20. Which American president appointed the highest number of justices during his two terms?

**Under “History and Traditions” click on “The Court and Its Traditions:”**

21. Who holds the record for longest tenure on the Supreme Court?

22. Explain the significance of “seniority” on the Supreme Court.

23. Describe the formality of the Supreme Court.

24. What is the “Judicial Handshake?”

25. Describe the seal of the Supreme Court. Why just one star?

**Click on “The Supreme Court Building” and then on “Building History:”**

26. Where did the Supreme Court meet before receiving its own building in 1935?

27. Which former president and Chief Justice persuaded Congress to finance construction of a permanent home for the Supreme Court?

28. How much money was returned to the Treasury upon completion of the Supreme Court building?

29. Describe the architecture of the Supreme Court.

**Scroll over “About the Court,” click “Justices” and then click “Current Members” and answer the following:**

30. Pick one male and one female justice, appointed by two different presidents, and currently on the bench. Write a brief biography (paragraph required for each - two paragraphs total) for each with the following information:

Birthplace

Family

Educational history

Experience in the courtroom

Which president appointed to Supreme Court? When?

Do a little extra research to see if this is a liberal or conservative justice!