

Follow Along Worksheet for the DVD *The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia*

Subjects

Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
Judicial System
Jury Duty
Architect Cass Gilbert's West Virginia Supreme Court Chamber design

Grades

6-12

Brief Description

Students will watch two videos from *The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia*, and answer questions on a guided paper with fill-in-the-blank questions pertaining to the videos.

Objectives

Students will

- Be actively involved in watching a video;
- Learn facts about West Virginia and the judicial system; and
- Memorize facts more easily through the written/note-taking method.

Materials Needed

- *The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia*
 - *West Virginia Court System*
 - *Supreme Court Chamber and History*
- Guided worksheet
- Pens and/or pencils

Lesson Plan

Allow students time to read the worksheet questions before watching the videos so they can answer the questions as they watch. They must listen to the videos attentively in order to answer all of the questions. View the videos, and collect the papers.

Additional suggestions:

Before collecting the papers, have a discussion about what the students watched. To have students actively involved in the discussion, ask them if they missed any of the answers. If they have, ask other students to give their answers and discuss the question further.

Assessment

Students earn points from their worksheets and involvement which are added to students' overall grades; may also be used as a source of bonus points toward a test or overall grades.

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The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Worksheet

West Virginia Court System

1. The West Virginia Supreme Court is located in the _____.
2. _____ courts handle small claims.
3. What does a mental hygiene commissioner do?

4. _____ courts are where disputes related to children and families are heard and resolved.
5. West Virginia's general jurisdiction trial courts are called
_____.
6. What do probation officers do?

7. Each year, about _____ West Virginians are randomly selected to serve as members of juries.
8. To serve as a juror you must be

_____;
_____; and

9. The highest court in the state is called the _____.
10. How many appellate courts does West Virginia have? _____
11. An _____ is a request for the state's highest court to review a case.
12. How many justices are on the Supreme Court? _____
13. Are judicial elections partisan or nonpartisan? _____
14. What is an opinion? _____
15. West Virginia Supreme Court decisions can be appealed to what court? _____

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Chamber and History

16. Who was the architect of the West Virginia State Capitol? _____
17. What other famous building did the Capitol's architect design?

18. "LEX" is Latin for the English word _____
19. The sword in Lady Justice's hand represents _____.
20. The first quotation seen above the courtroom is from _____.
21. The quotation at the back of the room is from _____.
22. In what city was the first Capitol West Virginia located? _____
23. How many Justices did West Virginia initially have? _____
24. Name West Virginia's first three justices:
_____.
25. How was the first Chief Justice/President of the Court chosen? _____
26. The Supreme Court has had five Justices since what year? _____
27. West Virginia Supreme Court Justices serve terms of how many years? _____
28. How many Justices have been elected to non-consecutive terms? _____
29. The position of Chief Justice is now chosen by _____.
30. How many times has West Virginia's Capitol moved? _____

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Answer Sheet

1. East wing of the West Virginia State Capitol.
2. Magistrate Courts
3. Mental hygiene commissioners oversee involuntary hospitalization, guardianship, and conservatorship cases.
4. Family Courts
5. Circuit Courts
6. **Probation** officers help circuit judges by preparing presentencing reports and supervising people who are sentenced to supervised release or probation instead of jail or prison. (Note: **Parole** officers, who work for the Division of Corrections, supervise people AFTER they have served their sentences.)
7. About 51,000.
8. A U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old, and a resident of the county.
9. The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
10. One, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia
11. Appeal
12. Five
13. Nonpartisan beginning in 2016
14. A written decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The Court also issues Memorandum Decisions.
15. The U.S. Supreme Court
16. Cass Gilbert
17. The U.S. Supreme Court Building, Woolworth Building in New York City, Capitols of Minnesota and Arkansas.
18. Law
19. The Rule of Law
20. Thomas Jefferson (*Notes on the State of Virginia*)

21. Abraham Lincoln (*Second Inaugural Address*, also an inside wall of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.)
22. Wheeling
23. Three
24. Ralph Berkshire, William Harrison, James Henry Brown
25. By lots (Each drew a slip of paper with terms, the shortest term was the leader.)
26. 1903
27. 12
28. Three: Ralph Berkshire, Margaret Workman, Thomas McHugh
29. Other members of the Supreme Court
30. Six