

## CHIEF JUSTICE VIDEO READING GUIDE

1. The United States has both federal courts and state courts. But the Supreme Court only hears cases from the federal courts.  
 True  
 False
2. Currently there are 9 justices on the United States Supreme Court, how many votes does it take to hear a case?  
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3. Many of the state courts in the United States are older than the United States Supreme Court  
 True  
 False
4. \_\_\_\_\_ are filed by people or organizations who are interested in the case, but not necessarily involved. (**Amicus briefs**)
5. John Marshall was the \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Justice?  
 First  
 Second  
 Third  
 Fourth
6. The Chief Justice gets two votes.  
 True  
 False
7. When the Supreme Court issues a decision it is taking a position on whether the Justices think something's a good idea or not.  
 True  
 False
8. \_\_\_\_\_ are papers explaining why one side should win and why the other should lose.  
 Petitions  
 Briefs  
 Shorts  
 Documents of the Court
9. The Chief Justice has many special perks. For example, he or she has the final say if a case will be heard by the Supreme Court.  
 True  
 False
10. When the Chief Justice is in the majority, the Chief Justice decides who writes the opinion for the court.  
 True  
 False