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CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS: Judiciary - APGOV

Directions: Type your responses to the following questions. Your responses are due to TurnItIn.com by 11:59 PM on Sunday of the week in which they were assigned. Please do not wait until last minute to complete or turn in your assignment as **no late assignments will be accepted.**

1. What is the Supreme Court's main weapon in the system of checks and balances? What are the two competing views in regards to the first part of this question? Do you believe one of the views to be the correct view? Explain your answer.
2. Describe the significance of the *Marbury v. Madison* ruling by the Supreme Court. Explain whether the legacy of this ruling has been positive or negative and if it has served to strengthen or weaken American democracy.
3. Identify the (2) types of courts created by Congress. Explain the relationship of original jurisdiction and appellate jurisdiction in determining how these courts function.
4. Identify the characteristics of federal judges and justices. Compare and contrast the Supreme Court with lower federal courts in terms of how the judges are chosen.
5. Identify what President's are looking for when they select Supreme Court Justices. Compare and contrast the Supreme Court with lower federal courts in terms of how and why judges are chosen.
6. Identify the (3) basic types of courts in the Federal judicial system and determine their jurisdiction. Explain how they interact and function in order to carry out their judicial duties.
7. Identify (3) participants in the judicial system. Explain how standing to sue, class action suits, justiciable disputes, and amicus curiae briefs define and clarify their relationships.
8. Identify the powers of the federal courts. Explain what it can and cannot do and how this affects their power as a political institution.
9. Identify the elements of the population that are involved in judicial implementation. Explain how the court decisions are translated into actual policy and how this process of implementation either hindered or helped.
10. Describe Roosevelt's attempt to alter the Supreme Court. Explain why Roosevelt made this attempt and decide whether you agree or disagree with this decision.