Answer the following.  Fully support your answers.

* Why do you think the Supreme Court justices often write concurring and/or dissenting opinions in a case?

To show the country that all issues/sides were considered. If only one side were represented, people would contest the issue and feel that the court was bias.

* How does the Court's power of judicial review affect the balance of power in the Federal Government?

It checks the power of the legislative branch, and makes up one aspect of the system of checks and balances process that our government is based on. It limits congress from rulings that are deemed “unconstitutional”

* As our text states, presidents are keenly aware of the potential judicial **activism** or **restraint** of the judges they appoint. Go online and find one current article in favor of each perspective: judicial activism and judicial restraint.  Cite portions of each that clearly indicate the author's bias.  You may find it helpful to review the section on Recognizing Bias on page 241 of your text before you begin.  Include the URL of each article in your submission.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/07/12/bias-bench-gops-biggest-concern-sotomayor/>

In this article the author speaks out against biases they feel Sotomayor may exhibit as a Latina judge on the supreme court.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2011/0829/Justice-Sotomayor-not-guilty-of-empathy>

This article spoke highly of Obama’s stance that Justice Sotomayor should involve empathy and human emotion in her rulings. Her feelings influencing the outcome of a case is a form of judicial activism. This article is bias towards Obama’s opinion.