**JUDICIAL BRANCH IN A FLASH**

**A. Complete the Sentence.** Use the terms and ideas that you learned in this lesson to finish each statement.

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| 1. The only court the Constitution creates is … | The Supreme Court |
| 2. The two court systems in the United States are … |  |
| 3. Two kinds of legal cases are … |  |
| 4. The job of the Court of Appeals is … |  |
| 5. It’s difficult to take a case to the Supreme  Court because … |  |
| 6. If you lose a case in the trial court, you can … |  |
| 7. If an appellate court affirms a case, it means … |  |
| 8. If a law is unconstitutional, the Supreme Court can … |  |
| 9. Evidence is used for … |  |
| 10. A trial with no jury is called a … |  |

**B. Making Comparisons.** Decide whether each description fits trial courts only, appellate courts only, or both, and write the letter of the description in the correct part of the diagram. The first one is done for you.

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| **TRIAL COURT** | **BOTH** | **APPELLATE COURT** |
|  | A |  |

A) Hears civil cases

B) Might have a jury trial

C) Does not hear cases for the first time

D) Hears criminal cases

E) Reviews a verdict to look for mistakes

F) Usually has three-judge panels

G) Hears cases for the first time

H) Works with laws

**C. Order in the Court!** Number each set of events to put the three events in the correct order.

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| 2 | The Court of Appeals remands the case |
| 3 | A new trial begins |
| 1 | The first verdict is appealed |
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|  | Trial is held in the District Court |
|  | The Supreme Court agrees to hear the cases |
|  | An appeal is made to the Court of Appeals |
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|  | Evidence is presented to the jury |
|  | The members of the jury are chosen |
|  | The jury returns a verdict |
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|  | The Supreme Court strikes down the law |
|  | The Supreme Court hears a case about the law |
|  | Congress passes a law |

**D. Crossword Puzzle.** Look at the last page of the PDF reading that goes with today’s assignment. Complete the vocab crossword puzzle by filling in the clues in the space below. A word bank has been provided for you.

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| Photograph | Witness | Federal | Review | Mistake |
| Criminal | Reverse | Laws | Civil | Appellate |
| Evidence | Bench Trial | Elevator | Jury | Appeal |
| Robe | Nine | State | Panel | Remand |
| District Court | Trial Court | Judicial Review | Constitutional | Unconstitutional |
|  | Affirm | Two | Supreme Court |  |

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| **ACROSS** | **DOWN** |
| 1) Two | 1) Trial Court |
| 3) | 2) |
| 6) | 4) |
| 7) | 5) |
| 8) | 11) |
| 9) | 12) |
| 10) Elevator | 13) |
| 11) | 14) |
| 14) | 15) |
| 18) | 16) |
| 19) | 17) Photograph |
| 23) | 20) |
| 24) | 21) |
| 25) | 22) |