

Quick Check

Women of the Supreme Court

Name _____ Date _____

Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. Who was the first woman justice appointed to the Supreme Court?
 - Ⓐ Ruth Bader Ginsburg
 - Ⓑ Sandra Day O'Connor
 - Ⓒ Sonia Sotomayor
 - Ⓓ Elena Kagan
2. Read this example sentence:
*A president must **nominate** a person for the Supreme Court.*
What does **nominate** mean?
 - Ⓐ to interview
 - Ⓑ to find out about
 - Ⓒ to elect
 - Ⓓ to name for a job
3. When Elena Kagan joined the Supreme Court, she became the _____ female justice serving at that time.
 - Ⓐ third
 - Ⓑ only
 - Ⓒ fourth
 - Ⓓ ninth
4. Even though the four women justices are different in many ways, what belief do they all share?
 - Ⓐ that women can make wise decisions
 - Ⓑ that men and women should be treated equally
 - Ⓒ that laws should be fair to everyone
 - Ⓓ all of the above
5. Read this example sentence:
*A **majority** of senators voted to put Elena Kagan on the Supreme Court. A **majority** is _____ of senators.*
 - Ⓐ 50 percent
 - Ⓑ more than half
 - Ⓒ all
 - Ⓓ 25

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6. Which statement is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Women make better judges than men.
 - Ⓑ Sonia Sotomayor is the first Latina to serve on the Supreme Court.
 - Ⓒ Not all the senators wanted Elena Kagan to be a justice.
 - Ⓓ Sandra Day O'Connor retired in 2006.
7. The Fourteenth Amendment was originally written to protect _____.
 - Ⓐ property
 - Ⓑ women
 - Ⓒ former slaves
 - Ⓓ everyone
8. What caused Sandra Day O'Connor to open her own law office?
 - Ⓐ She wanted to own her own business.
 - Ⓑ No one would hire a female lawyer at that time.
 - Ⓒ She grew up on a ranch in Arizona.
 - Ⓓ She wanted to be on the Supreme Court some day.
9. What was the result of Ruth Bader Ginsburg winning *Reed v. Reed*?
 - Ⓐ Women's rights were now protected under the Fourteenth Amendment.
 - Ⓑ Other laws were changed to protect women's rights.
 - Ⓒ Women had equal opportunities for education and jobs.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. After the president nominates someone for the Supreme Court, what must happen before they can join the Court?
 - Ⓐ The person has to be a judge somewhere else.
 - Ⓑ The person has to speak to the public.
 - Ⓒ The person has to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate.
 - Ⓓ The person has to meet the other Supreme Court justices.
11. **Extended Response:** Why haven't there been more women justices on the Supreme Court?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓑ Sequence Events
2. Ⓓ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
5. Ⓑ Vocabulary
6. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
7. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓒ Sequence Events
11. Answers will vary but might include: *women didn't have the same rights as men for a long time in the U.S.; few women were admitted to law schools; no one would hire female lawyers; historically, only white men were ever appointed, etc.*