INTERMEDIATE LEVEL JUDICIAL BRANCH LESSON ANSWER KEY

Equal Justice Under Law

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Note to teacher: Explain that, in this situation, "law" refers to the Constitution and all other laws made in the country. Help the students understand that "equal justice" means that everyone in the United States is promised the same consideration, or treatment, in the courts, and that the Supreme Court's job is to ensure that all laws follow the Constitution.

The Judicial Branch

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