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Supreme Court

Learn about the U.S. Supreme Court

Read the paragraph below and then answer the questions that follow.

The United States Supreme Court is the highest court in the country. There are nine justices who serve on the Supreme Court: a chief justice and eight associate justices. Justices are appointed by the president of the United States and approved by the Senate. Justices may serve for a lifetime, unless they choose to retire or they're impeached. The Supreme Court generally accepts only the most important cases, often concerning basic freedoms or civil rights, and justices use the U.S. Constitution as their guide in making rulings. Sometimes decisions are made that can affect the entire country.

Questions:

Who appoints justices to the Supreme Court?

How many Supreme Court justices are there?

How long does a Supreme Court justice's term last?

Does the Supreme Court accept any case?

What document does the Supreme Court use to guide its decisions?
