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## The Judicial Branch



**Directions:** Learn about your Judicial Branch.

The job of the judicial branch is to oversee the United States court system. The Supreme Court is the head of the judicial branch. The Supreme Court rules whether an issue brought forth is constitutional or unconstitutional.

There are nine justices on the Supreme Court. There are eight associate justices, or judges, and one chief justice, all nominated by the President and approved by the Senate. Supreme Court justices have no term limit, which means they can serve until they decide to leave, or die in-office.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States. All decisions the Supreme Court makes are final, and often set precedents.

Complete the information below with the names of the current Supreme Court justices.

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Research the following Supreme Court cases. Write the outcome of each.

1857 **Dred Scott v. Sandford** \_\_\_\_\_  
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1896 **Plessy v. Ferguson** \_\_\_\_\_  
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1954 **Brown v. Board of Education** \_\_\_\_\_  
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2003 **Grutter v. Bollinger** \_\_\_\_\_  
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