

This is the Quiz for 6<sup>th</sup> period, on the Judicial Branch.

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I. This case went by the book, but the title of that book was *How Not To Arrest People in America*. (Name the due process rights violated in this case. There are six rights at issue.)

Alan was driving one day when he was spotted by a police officer. The police officer pulled him over and approached the car. He explained to Alan that his name was Officer Nale, and asked him what he was doing out so late. Alan said, "I don't want to answer that question, Officer." Officer Nale responded by yanking Alan out of his car, pushing him to the ground, and beating him. He told Alan he was under arrest and stuck him in the back of his police car.

"For what?" Alan asked.

"There are plenty of reasons you're under arrest," said Nale. "But those are none of your business right now."

"Do I get a phone call?" asked Alan.

"Yeah," said Nale. "You can call 1-800-SHUT-UP."

Alan was taken straight to jail, where he waited years for his trial. When he was finally brought before a judge, he was told that Officer Nale's report was enough to convict him. He was sentenced to ten more years in jail.

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II. He might not be a very good attorney. (Explain what the lawyer gets wrong in his advice, in complete sentences. There are six errors.)

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III. Dude, where is my case? (Choose from one of the following six courts, and explain your choice in a complete sentence. You need the full name of the court, but you can use V.A. for Virginia. These are all different, unconnected cases.)

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| Virginia Circuit Court    | U.S. District Court   |
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2. My school said I could not pray in accordance with my religious beliefs. I sued them in Federal court and lost, appealed and won, and now they are appealing.

3. I am running for President. I believe the state elections board is biased in favor of my opponent. I want a court to force them to be fair.

4. I ran a scam operation that raked in millions from gullible seniors. The U.S. Postal Service Inspectors arrested me for mail fraud. I am awaiting trial.

5. I was framed for murdering my friend. The judge prevented my defense attorneys from bringing evidence that would have proven me innocent. I want to prove the judge made a mistake in applying the law.

6. I am a 17 year-old who was convicted of murder in Virginia Circuit Court when I was 15. The judge gave me a life sentence without parole, but I think that was "cruel and unusual". The appellate court upheld my sentence, but my lawyers are appealing the case to the next level.

IV. These questions are optional. (There is no credit for these questions. They were written by my daughter. Yes, I still want you to answer in complete sentences.)

1. Does the Judicial branch make dollar bills?
2. What is a banana's favorite court?
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With no idea what he did wrong, Steve asked, "Why I am I here?"

The officer said, "You know why you're here, jerk,"

"Do I get a phone call?" asked Alan.

"Yeah," said the officer. "You can call 1-800-CONFESS." Then the police officer threatened Steve with a beating, so Steve confessed to a crime he did not commit. He was put in jail for more than a year, waiting for his trial.

In the court, Steve tried to explain he was just passing through. Every time he tried to speak, the bailiff told him it wasn't his turn to talk. The prosecutor only read the police officer's report -- he did not even call the officer to the stand. At the end of the trial, the prosecutor turned to the jury and said, "You can trust the police, ladies and gentlemen."

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