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Ch.10 Objectives

Using line paper, answer the following questions using complete sentences.

1. What powers are granted to the judicial branch of the government in Article III of the Constitution?
2. Describe the Judiciary Act of 1789 and explain its impact on the structure and creation of the federal judicial system.
3. Describe the American legal system, as well as the concepts of jurisdiction, criminal law and civil law?
4. There are three levels in the Federal Court System. Describe each one and what each one does.
5. Describe the process in which federal court judges are selected.
6. Describe how the Supreme Court operates. How do cases get to the Supreme Court? What role do clerks serve? What is the process once a case is accepted?
7. Assess how Supreme Court Justices arrive at their decisions and describe the factors that can influence their decision making process.
8. Read the Continuity & Change article on p.392. Then answer questions 1 and 2 from the same page.

Define the following vocabulary terms.

1. *Amicus curiae* brief
2. Class action suit
3. Dual sovereignty
4. Opinion of the court
5. Per curiam opinion
6. Solicitor general
7. Sovereign immunity
8. Standing
9. *Stare decisis*
10. Writ of certiorari