

## Judge Appointments: Worksheet

### Section One: Matching

*Below are all of the steps in the federal judicial appointment process. Place them in the correct chronological order. One refers to the first action in the sequence while seven would denote the last action in the sequence.*

The Senate Judiciary Committee takes a vote to move the selected nominee along in the process.

The White House begins consulting with home state senators and other officials to create a list of potential candidates.

If the majority of the Senate votes to confirm the nominee, the President signs the commission, and the justice can begin their time on the bench.

The Senate Judiciary Committee reviews the nominations and their qualifications.

A judicial position becomes vacant because a justice has decided to step down or has died.

The Senate majority leader schedules a full vote.

The White House, the American Bar Association, and the FBI all conduct an investigation.

### Section Two: Short Answer

*Answer the following questions with a phrase or short sentence.*

1. What are the four main state court nomination methods?
  
  
  
  
2. What is the only guideline laid out in the Constitution for federal judge selection?

3. Name at least one historical selection criteria that has been used when making federal judge appointments.

### Section Three: Essay Prompt.

*Fully respond to the following questions in a paragraph or two. Be sure to use evidence to back up your claims.*

1. Why do you think the judge appointments for states are so different from the federal ones? Fully explain your answer.
  2. Do you think it's important for federal judges to be nonpartisan? Fully explain your answer.