Instructions: Watch the video and read the text below. Look up the definitions and write your own sentences. In addition, you will need to answer the questions with the worksheet. When done click "Finish" then type your name and submit.

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Article III: The Judicial Branch

Judicial power, as explained in the third article of the Constitution, rests in the hands of the Supreme Court. The Judiciary Act of 1789 allowed Congress to set up a federal system of courts. The federal court system exists side by side with the state court system. Most cases begin with a trial in the lower courts called district courts. Cases can be **appealed**, or reviewed, by higher courts called appellate or circuit courts. The Supreme Court is the highest court of appeal. Nine **justices** serve on the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court justices are **appointed** by the president and approved by Congress. Each Supreme Court justice holds his or her position for life. Cases are decided in the Supreme Court by majority. It takes five of the nine judges to create a majority. The most important power of the Supreme Court is called judicial review, which authorizes the justices to interpret the meaning of the Constitution.

Word	Definition	Sentence
appeal		
justice		
appoint		

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Directions: Show the path a federal case might take by filling in the name of each type of court in the chart below.

Highest Federal Court:

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Appellate/Higher Court:

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Trial/Lower Court:

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