EQ: What role does the Judicial System play in the US government?

Levels of the Judicial System

- At the bottom level are the <u>District Courts</u>
 - First to hear cases
- Next up are the Appellate Courts
 - Try cases that are not resolved in District Court
- The top court in the nation is the <u>Supreme</u><u>Court</u>
 - Pick what cases they hear

Checks and Balances

- The Supreme Court has balance with the Legislative and Executive Branches because:
 - The Supreme Court can call laws unconstitutional
 - Called Judicial Review

The Constitution

- Like classroom rules
- Set of laws for everyone in the United States
- For a new law to be constitutional, it should follow the current rules, or it should improve them.

Determine whether these new laws are constitutional or not

We do not have to be friends with everyone, but we have to treat them with respect.

You only need to pay attention in class when the teacher is saying something important.

Raising your hand is not necessary. Say whatever you want, when you want.

When walking in the halls, it is okay to peek into other classrooms to see what's going on.