

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

Levels of the Judicial System

- ❁ At the bottom level are the District Courts
 - ❁ 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 Supreme Court
 - ❁ 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**

