**4.1 The Judicial Branch Questions**

**SSCG13: Demonstrate knowledge of the operation of the judicial branch of government.**

1. What is the third branch of government?
2. What does it include?
3. What is the name of the highest court?
4. Where in the Constitution was it created?
5. How many people are on it?

**SSCG13a: Describe the selection and approval process for federal judges.**

1. How long is a federal judgeship for?
2. How are vacancies created?
3. Who nominated judges?
4. Who conducts the hearing?
5. When does the appointment begin?
6. Where are most federal judges drawn from?
7. What are some of the other qualifications to be a federal judge?

**SSCG13b: Explain the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, federal courts and the state courts.**

1. What is Jurisdiction?
2. What is Original Jurisdiction?
3. What is Appellate Jurisdiction?
4. Can decisions from the Supreme Court be appealed?
5. What type of Jurisdiction does the Supreme Court have?
6. What type of Jurisdiction does Federal Courts have?
7. How many federal courts are there?
8. What Jurisdiction do state courts have?
9. What is the difference between Exclusive and Concurrent Jurisdiction? Give an example.

**SSCG13c: Examine how John Marshall established judicial review through his opinion in *Marbury v. Madison* and relate its impact.**

1. What is Judicial Review?
2. What court case established this principle?
3. What did Madison not do?
4. What Chief Justice ruled on the case?
5. What was the cases impact?

**SSCG13d: Describe how the Supreme Court selects and decides cases.**

1. How many cases does the Supreme Court get each year?
2. How many do they actually rule on?
3. What is the ‘rule of four’?
4. What is a writ of certiorari?
5. How do they hear cases?
6. Who presides over the conference?
7. What is the majority opinion?
8. What is the significance of Precedents?
9. How are concurring and dissenting opinions different?

**SSCG13e: Compare the philosophies of judicial activism and judicial restraint and provide relevant examples (e.g., marriage, 2nd Amendment, death penalty, etc.).**

1. What are the two major judicial philosophies?
2. How are they different from one another?
3. How does each feel about marriage?
4. How does each feel about the 2nd Amendment?
5. How does each feel about the Death Penalty?