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**#20 SCOTUS**

1. What is a *writ of certiorari*?
2. Who screens formal requests to hear a case?
3. How many justices have to agree to hear a case for it to make it to the Supreme Court?
4. What is a legal brief? Why are *amicus curiae* important?
5. How do oral arguments work?
6. What happens in conference? Who assigns who writes a decision?
7. What is the *holding*?
8. What are the different types of decisions? Which serve as precedent?

**#21 Judicial Review**

1. Define judicial review.
2. There are 4 levels of appellate jurisdiction: what are they?
3. What case gave the Supreme Court the power it exercises today? Who was Chief Justice and what did he do?
4. What is *stare decisis*?
5. “Should courts strike down laws passed by legislatures overturning the judgement of elected representatives that made the law?” opinion?
6. Does this violate separation of power principles?

**#22 Judicial Decisions**

1. What factors influence judicial decisionmaking?
2. Why should we care about judicial influences?
3. What is your opinion of *judicial activism* v *judicial restraint*?
4. Who are the present justices? Where are they on this continuum in your opinion?
5. Where is the new nominee Gorsuch? Why do you think he was Trump’s choice?