

QUICK QUIZ

Test Your Knowledge About The Supreme Court

(NAPSA)—How much do you know about the legal body that interprets the laws that govern the way you live? You'll find out on January 31 and February 7 when Thirteen/WNET New York's "The Supreme Court," a four-part series on the highest court in the land, premieres on PBS, with a Web site at pbs.org/supremecourt. You can find out how much you know now about the Court by taking this quiz:

1. How many chief justices of the United States have led the Supreme Court since 1790?

- a. 42
- b. 17
- c. 9

2. How long do justices serve on the Court?

- a. Six years
- b. Until a new U.S. president is elected
- c. Until they resign, retire, die or are impeached and convicted by Congress

3. The first woman justice to serve on the court was:

- a. Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- b. Geraldine Ferraro
- c. Sandra Day O'Connor

4. Which phrase is inscribed above the main entrance to the Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C.?

- a. Equal Justice Under Law



Who was the first woman justice to serve on the Supreme Court? When does the Court start its new session? You'll learn those answers and more in a new TV series.

- b. In God We Trust
- c. Knowledge Will Forever Govern Ignorance

5. The marshal of the Supreme Court opens the Court with the official opening cry of:

- a. Sit and Be Silent
- b. All Rise
- c. Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!

6. The chief justice's annual salary is:

- a. \$400,000
- b. \$212,100
- c. \$75,311

7. How many people currently sit on the Supreme Court?

- a. 12
- b. 9
- c. 6

8. The proceedings of the Court are:

- a. Open to the public
- b. Closed to everyone except lawyers
- c. Open on Fridays only

9. The Court traditionally starts its new session on:

- a. The first Wednesday in July
- b. January 1
- c. The first Monday in October

10. The crucial factor in deciding whether the Court hears a case is:

- a. Whether it can shed new light on an issue of constitutional law
- b. Whether the Court has time
- c. Whether the person filing the case has enough money to cover Court costs

ANSWERS: 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (c) 4 (a) 5 (c) 6 (b) 7 (b) 8 (a) 9 (c) 10 (a)

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