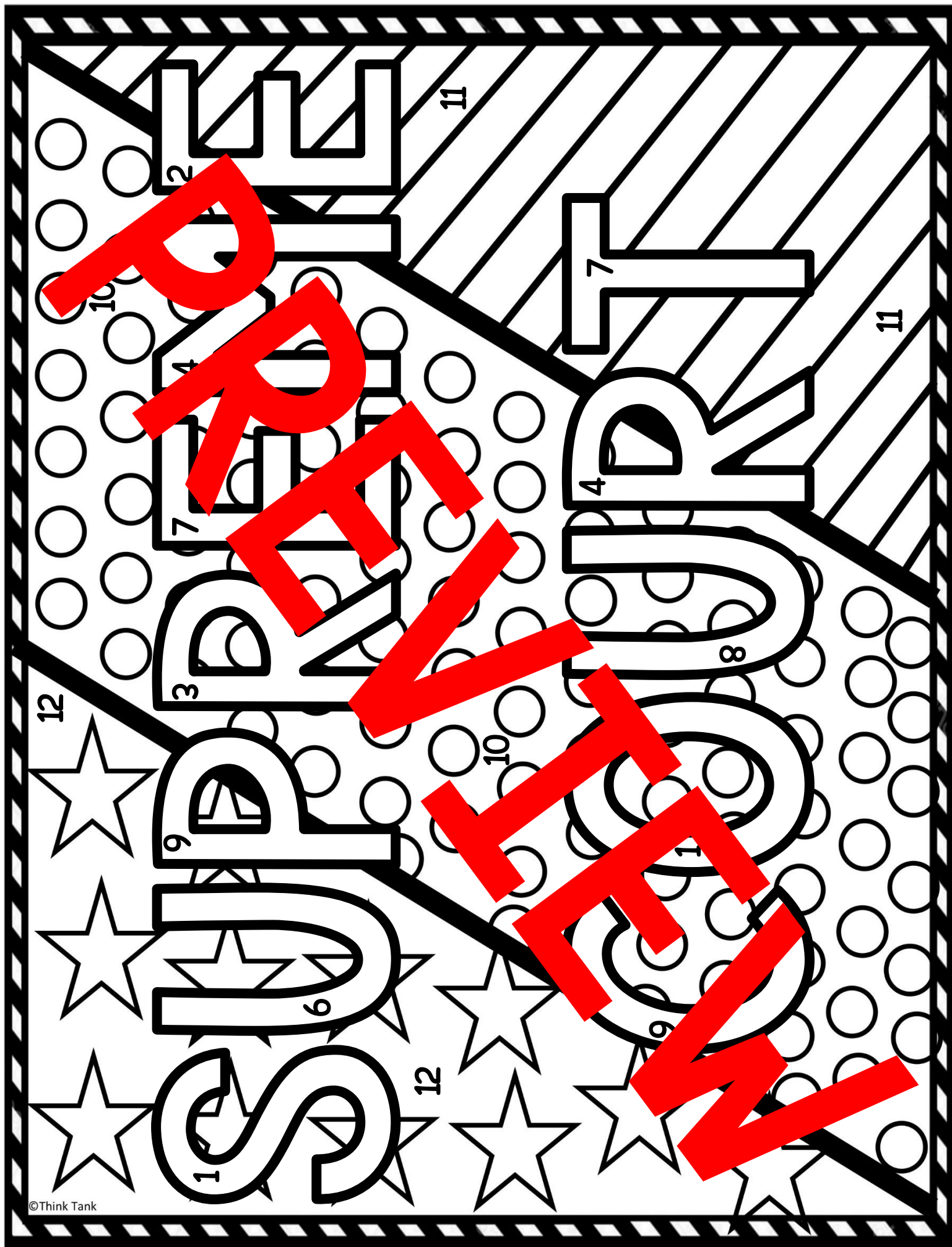




SUPREME COURT ANTICIPATION GUIDE

Read each statement and decide if it is True or False. Complete the left column before the reading by circling the T for True or the F for False. Complete the right column after you finish the reading. Did any of your answers change?

BEFORE READING		STATEMENT	AFTER READING	
T	F	The Judicial Branch is Article III of the United States Constitution.	T	F
T	F	About 10,000 cases are heard each year.	T	F
T	F	Supreme Court justices are elected by the people.	T	F
T	F	Justices can only be removed by resignation or impeachment.	T	F
T	F	The justices sit in alphabetical order.	T	F
T	F	A justice serves a 4 year term.	T	F
T	F	A dissenting opinion is given when a justice disagrees.	T	F
T	F	There is one Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices.	T	F
T	F	The main job of the Judicial Branch is to interpret the laws.	T	F

DID YOU KNOW?

Since the 1800's the justices have worn black robes as a tradition.

Supreme Court

Name: _____

Answer the questions below. Then on the coloring page, color each numbered section with the corresponding color. If there is any space left over, color it your choice! Follow the directions provided to cite evidence from the reading.

Questions	Text Evidence	Answer
#1 How many justices are on the Supreme Court?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	Answer A Nine RED
#2 How many of the justices must agree to hear a case?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in GREEN	Answer B Seven BLUE STRIPES
#3 What year was the Supreme Court created?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in RED	1776 ORANGE
#4 Where do the words "Supreme Court" come from?	Find proof in the reading and <u>BOX</u> it in YELLOW	Please rise RED
#5 How many cases are on the Supreme Court?	Find proof in the reading and <u>CIRCLE</u> it in ORANGE	Three BROWN
#6 What kind of cases have an impact on these cases?	Find proof in the reading and <u>UNDERLINE</u> it in PURPLE	Landmark GREEN STRIPES

SUPREME COURT

The Judicial Branch is Article III of the United States Constitution. The main job of the Judicial Branch is to interpret the laws. The Judicial Branch is the federal court system which includes the U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. District Courts and U.S. Appeals Courts.

The Judicial Branch is made up of judges and the courts. Federal judges are not elected by the people. The president appoints, or chooses, the justices and they are confirmed, or approved, by the Senate. The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States. The only court listed in the Constitution is the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is made up of nine justices. One Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices. Each justice serves a life term. A life term allows the justices to make good decisions and not feel the pressure to please the public if being elected. Re-elected justices do not need to worry about 'popularity' and therefore can base their court decisions on the law, not winning electoral votes.

Supreme Court justices can only be removed through impeachment or resignation. The Constitution does not mention how many Supreme Court justices there should be. A number of justices allows for a majority opinion. In the past there have been as few as six justices.

Construction of the Supreme Court building began in 1932 in Washington, D.C. It took years to complete and costs approximately \$9 million. It is made of marble from Vermont, Georgia, Alabama and Italy. The Supreme Court Building has only one courtroom.

The President interviews the candidates for an open justice/judge position and submits a name to Congress. Presidents consider many factors in making their choices such as age, gender, ethnicity, education, experience and political views.

Article III of the U.S. Constitution states "The judges of the Supreme Court shall hold their offices during good behavior..." There are no age requirements, no education requirements, no experience requirements and no citizenship requirements!

After the president chooses a candidate, a Senate committee will conduct an interview and question the nominee about his/her background and