

A Conversation with Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. on the Origin, Nature, and Importance of the Supreme Court

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1. Why is it important to have courts?
2. Why does the Constitution devote less space to the courts than to the Congress and the Presidency?
3. How do cases get to the Supreme Court?
4. What gave Gideon the right to petition the Court directly?
5. Does it matter whether a case comes from the Federal or State Court?
6. How does the court decide which cases to hear?
7. How did you prepare to argue before the Supreme Court?
8. How are cases decided?
9. What are the special responsibilities of the Chief Justice?
10. How do the courts apply the Constitution to contemporary issues?
11. What are some misconceptions about the courts?