**You be the Judge Handbook** Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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You will use your notes and readings to research about four specific areas that are important to understanding the Judicial Branch and the Supreme Court: Diagram of the Federal Court System, Diagram of the State Court system, Types of laws, and a current or former Supreme Court justice.

Use the planning sheet provided to take notes on the following:

* Information about the judicial branch,
* An explanation of how or why that specific information is important

The written portion should be thorough enough for clear understanding of the topic. You will be handwriting the information in the book.

You must also include an image for each area. These can be drawn or printed. If you are printing pictures you, must print at home. Please use color.

Your book must have the following:

* **Front Cover:** Title, author and image
* **On the inside of the front cover:** Publisher information
* **Page one:** Table of contents
* **Page two:** Diagram of the Federal Court System (3 levels). Include the following in your diagram:
* Title of the Level
* Type of Jurisdiction
* Who hears the case
* **Page three:** Diagram of the State Court System (4 levels). Include the following in your diagram:
* Title of the Level
* Type of Jurisdiction
* Who hears the case
* **Page four:** Types of Laws and their description. (4 types)
* **Page five:** Current/Former Supreme Court Justice and image
* 1 paragraph on the background of the Justice
* 1 paragraph about an important impact this judge has had on the U.S.
* **Back cover:** About the author (You)

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**Rubric:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10- Planning sheet was used in a meaningful way.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/40- Content is specific and informative. Written portion thoroughly covers the topic.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/10- Proper grammar, spelling and sentence structure is used. ***All*** pages completed.

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