

Classroom Learning Materials

Judicial Branch of Government – Elementary

What is the role of the judicial branch of government? How is it organized?

Video: [Judicial Branch Overview](#) (10 min)

Video: [Michigan Supreme Court Courtroom](#) (3 min)

Games: [A Day in Court](#) for desktop, including Chromebooks | [Educator Resources](#) (PDF)

Lesson: [Interpreting the Law](#) (PDF)

Background: [Michigan Court System](#) (PDF)

What are responsibilities of citizens?

Lessons: [Your Vote, Your Voice](#) (PDF) – Structured discussion, conversation starters with videos from members of the judiciary, and the story of Michigan Suffragist Eva R. Belles

Background: [Jury Service](#) (PDF)

Do Constitutional Principles and Democratic Values guide judicial branch decisions?

Video: [Symbols of the Judicial Branch](#) (10 min)

Reading: [Symbols of Justice](#) (PDF)

Activity: [Lady Justice](#) (fillable PDF)

Activity: [Robe & Gavel](#) (fillable PDF)

Background: [Michigan Constitution](#) (PDF)

Who works for the judicial branch?

Videos: [Careers in the Courts](#) (2–5 min) – Informational interviews with judges and court professionals

Background: [Judges](#) (PDF)

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- Judicial Branch Overview
- Symbols of the Judicial Branch

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