

Constitution in Action

Aim: To recognize how each branch of government wields its powers

Do Now: Answer the following Question.

“Which branch of government do you think is the most powerful?”

Assignment: In a group of four listen to each example and determine which branch of government is using which of its powers.

Scenario	Branch of Government	Where the power comes from
1. World War II is winding down. Japan will soon be defeated but at great cost to our soldiers. The authorization to use nuclear weapons has been given	Executive	Commander in Chief
2. The establishment of the precedent that your rights must be read to you when you are arrested		
3. Imports from Japan are taking business away from the US economy. To stop this a protective tariff was proposed to increase the price of Japanese imports		
4. After the Civil War, Robert E. Lee was never tried for treason and was forgiven for his offenses against the United States		
5. Before becoming a teacher, Mr. Baisley worked as a mailman. It was a nice and quiet job, and best of all it had great benefits because it was a federal job.		

6. Outlawed segregation in schools by declaring that separate but equal facilities for students was unconstitutional		
7. After the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and Germany declares war on the United States, the US finally joins World War II		
8. Agent Moulder and Agent Skullie are hot on the trail of Alien sightings from around the country. They're trying to keep the peace and find out answers. They are part of a special branch of the FBI called the X-files		
9. Protesting the draft during World War I leads to the decision that First Amendment Rights are not absolute if they represent a clear and present danger		
10. Thurgood Marshall becomes the first African American Supreme Court Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first woman Supreme Court Justice, After careful scrutiny Clarence Thomas becomes a Supreme Court Justice, Harriet Meyers is denied her appointment to the Supreme Court		

