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Selecting the Guardians of Justice: How Federal Judges Are Appointed in the United States

Open-Ended Response Questions

1. How does the federal judge appointment process contribute to the independence of the judiciary in the United States? Provide examples.
2. Research and discuss a notable federal judge appointment that garnered significant attention or controversy. Explain the reasons behind the attention it received and its outcomes.
3. Imagine you are a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. What factors would you consider when evaluating a nominee for a federal judgeship, and why?
4. In your opinion, what qualities and qualifications are most important for a federal judge, and why? How do these qualities contribute to the fair administration of justice?

