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Judicial Superheroes: Unraveling the Role of the Judicial Branch

Short Answer Key

1. The judicial branch checks the Constitution by ensuring that all laws, actions, and government decisions align with the Constitution. It acts as the guardian of the Constitution's principles and safeguards against any violations.
2. The structure of the judicial branch includes the Supreme Court at the top, federal courts (Courts of Appeals and District Courts), and state courts (state trial courts, intermediate appellate courts, and state supreme courts).
3. The judicial process involves filing a case, proceeding to trial if necessary, potentially appealing to higher courts like the Court of Appeals, and, in some cases, having the Supreme Court review the appeal.
4. Judicial independence refers to the impartiality and autonomy of judges and Justices in making decisions based on the law and the Constitution, free from political pressures. It is essential to ensure fair and just outcomes.
5. A case involving a federal law, constitutional issue, or dispute between citizens from different states might go through the federal court system.

