**How Courts Work  
Mediation**

**What are the advantages to Mediation?**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

Vocabulary

***complex:*** consisting of many different and connected parts.  
***underlying****: able to see only on close inspection*  
***hostility:*** hatred or anger towards

***compliance:*** following

***intimidating***: scary

***partial***: not quite complete  
  
1.  In mediation, WHO is ultimately responsible for coming to an agreement?

2. Why is mediation often an advantage over “taking your chances” in court?

3.  What is the focus of a mediation?

4. In your own words, how does mediation help “preserve” feelings (as opposed to going to court)

5. Why do YOU think people are often more satisfied with a mediation rather than the results of a court case? 6. Why is mediation less formal than going to court?

7. What is the difference in the timing as far as how far a problem can be solved in mediation (as opposed to going to court)?

8. What is the comparison of costs of mediation versus court cases?

9. How does privacy play a role here?