**How Courts Work
Courts and Legal Procedures**

Answer the following questions after completing the readings:

1.   Why is it important to have independent courts?
2.   Courts resolve disputes between: (List 3)
3.   Who does the court protect?
4.   What type of business is conducted in state courts?
5.   Explain the difference between a trial court, and appellate court and a court of last resort.
6.   What are things judges do NOT do?
7.   What is their proper role?
8.   Where do jurors come from?
9.   What are the choices a jury is given in a criminal case?
10.  What are the choices a jury is given in a civil case?
11.  How does the judge interact with the jury regarding evidence?
12.  What does a grand jury do?
13.  How many jurors are typically on a grand jury?
14.  How do grand juries differ from trial juries?
15.  How were juries and judges abused prior to the American Revolution?
16.  What were the three steps the founders put into the Constitution that  makes sure judges serve the law and not political bosses, the media or special interest groups?
17.  Give three examples of how the courts have protected individual liberties
18.  What is "telephone justice?"
19.  Judicial Decisions are based on what is \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_under the law, not what is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.