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CJ 333 The Court System

Mid-Term Exam

- 1 The two primary systems in the United States Court structure are the _____ circuit court _____ and _____ state supreme court _____ ?
- 2 The Juvenile Justice system was established to deal with cases involving persons under 18 years of age in some states and under 16 years of age in others?
- 3 Define parens patriae in the Juvenile Justice System? A Latin for parents of his or her country. In the juvenile justice legal system parens patriae is a doctrine that allows the state to step in and serve as a guardian for children, the mentally ill, the incompetent, the elderly, or disabled person who are unable to care for themselves
- 4 Define a petition in the Juvenile Justice System? The formal process for bringing a matter before the juvenile court. A document alleging that a juvenile is a delinquent, status offender or dependent asking the court to assume jurisdiction the same as a formal complaint in the adult criminal process
- 5 The highest level court in the State Court System is the _____ supreme court _____ ?
- 6 The three levels of courts in the Federal Court structure are _____ district courts _____, _____ circuit courts _____ and _____ supreme courts _____ ?
- 7 The court of last resort in the federal court structure is _____ The US Supreme Court _____ ?
- 8 There are _____ 9 _____ Justices appointed to the U S Supreme Court?
- 9 One Justice on the Supreme Court serves as the _____ chief justice _____ ?
- 10 The Justices on the U S Supreme Court are appointed by the _____ president _____ and _____ Confirmed by the _____ senate _____ ?

Choose one of the following topics to research and write a 300 word essay about the topic and its role in the court system(50 pts).

What is the mandatory retirement age for a U S Supreme Court Justice? If there isn't one should there be? If there is one should there be?

When a case is elevated to the level of the U S Supreme Court is there a good chance the court will hear the case or at least comment on it?

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I think that a police officer's testimony should always be credible however in many cases police officers testimony wasn't credible. One situation being the Central Park 5, in this case nobody ever knew exactly what happened but the children, they were kids but they were accused of raping a white woman and they were charged as adults and sent to prison. The whole idea is that our police officers should tell the truth. The scene of the crime for this case was a park, no telling how the kids could have come about in being there. The officers throughout the trial however make comments about knowing exactly what went on and even purged themselves on the stands. A testimony from citizens has proven to be better than officer's testimony's several times and most of the time an officer is called to a crime before they can see what took place. Eyewitness testimony is how cases are sometimes solved and they're the regular citizen in that case just as much as the officer is the first responder and first to gather evidence. Most officers should be trust worthy and credible but sometimes that's just not the case.