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Judicial Power Shift Answer Key

Possible correct responses include:

Category	1803 (During <i>Marbury v. Madison</i>)	Today
How much power the Supreme Court was believed to have	Seen as weaker, less influential	Viewed as one of the most powerful branches
Public confidence in the Court	Uncertain; new nation unsure about its role	Generally recognized as a key protector of constitutional rights
Relationship with the President and Congress	Often overshadowed; power viewed as limited	Acts as a strong check, can overrule both branches
Significance of judicial review	Newly established; its meaning still debated	Widely accepted and regularly used in major cases

Reflection guidance for teachers: Students should mention the increased strength of the Court and how judicial review shapes modern politics and rights.

Any accurate comparison grounded in historical understanding earns credit.

Teacher's Guide

- Preview vocabulary: authority, legitimacy, judicial review.
- Provide a quick minilesson on early fears of strong courts vs. modern expectations.

Extension Ideas

- Students write a short "Alternate History" paragraph describing what the U.S. might look like today without judicial review.
- Connect to civics: Analyze a recent Supreme Court headline and identify how judicial review was applied.