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Law Interpreters

Directions: Read the quote below. Then answer each question using complete, thoughtful sentences.



Chief Justice John Marshall wrote in 1803: "**It is emphatically the province and duty of the judicial department to say what the law is.**"

1. What does Marshall mean by "judicial department"?

2. In your own words, explain what Marshall is saying about the role of the courts.

3. How does this quote support the idea of **judicial review**?

4. Why is it important that judges-not presidents or members of Congress-decide what the law means?

5. How does this idea help protect citizens' rights in the United States today? Provide one clear example.
