

Law Interpreters Answer Key

1. Marshall is referring to the Judicial Branch or the Supreme Court and other federal courts.
2. The courts have the responsibility to interpret laws and decide how they apply in real cases.
3. Judicial review allows courts to review laws and actions to determine whether they violate the Constitution.
4. It prevents any one branch from having too much power and ensures the law is applied fairly and consistently.
5. Students should mention that courts can strike down laws or actions that violate constitutional rights; a valid modern example earns credit (e.g., freedom of speech cases, protection against discrimination).

Teacher's Guide

- Judicial review emerged as a power of the Supreme Court through the *Marbury* decision.
- Marshall's words emphasize separation of powers and rule of law.
- Courts ensure that laws align with the Constitution.

Differentiation

- Support: Provide vocabulary definitions (province, duty, judicial, interpret).
- Challenge: Have students reference another Supreme Court case involving judicial review.
- English Learners: Allow sentence stems such as "Marshall means that..." or provide visuals of the three branches.

Engagement Techniques

- Quick class debate: Who should decide what the law means and why?
- Small-group discussion on how the role of courts affects everyday life.