

Cause And Reaction Answer Key

A strong response should include:

- Jefferson was unhappy or uneasy with the decision because he believed it gave the Judicial Branch too much authority.
- He worried that judicial review would weaken the Executive and Legislative Branches.
- His reaction revealed that political power was still being tested and negotiated between the branches.
- Students may note that Jefferson believed elected officials (not appointed judges) should shape government direction.

Any well-explained answer with these core ideas earns full credit.

Teacher's Guide

Background to Review Beforehand

- What judicial review means and why it matters
- Differences between Jefferson's Democratic-Republicans and Adams's Federalists

Differentiation

- Support: Provide a sentence starter list (e.g., "Jefferson disagreed with the ruling because...").
- Challenge: Have students include one direct quote from Jefferson or contemporary critics in their response.
- English Learners: Allow bullet outline before writing the full paragraph.

Engagement Options

- Hold a brief class poll: Which branch should have the final say in interpreting the Constitution?
- Do a "perspective swap" where a few students argue from Marshall's point of view.

Extension Ideas

- Students compare Jefferson's reaction to a modern dispute over Supreme Court power.
- Add a follow-up writing prompt: How might Jefferson react to the modern Supreme Court?