

# The Role of the Judiciary in Our Government

## Graphic Organizer

Question	Supreme Court of the United States	Wisconsin State Supreme Court
What is its purpose?		
How are Justices selected?		
Why do you think Justices are selected this way? Do you see any downsides to this system of selection in our governing system?		

## Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think that the Wisconsin State Supreme Court Justices are chosen in the way they are? Why do you think federal Supreme Court Justices are chosen in the way that they are?
2. What do you think the role of the federal judiciary branch is? How is it similar or different in Wisconsin?
3. Why might the selection methods for federal and state Supreme Courts differ? Do you think they should?
4. Do you think a polarized judicial branch is problematic in our governing system? Why or why not?
5. How might the method of selection impact the politicization of the Courts?
6. Why do you think the United States has a governing system that follows the principle of federalism and that each state has a wide variety of ways that its officials are selected?