

**Follow Along Worksheet for the DVD *The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia***

**Subjects**

West Virginia  
Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia  
Judicial System  
Jury Duty  
Architect Cass Gilbert's West Virginia Supreme Court Chamber design

**Grades**

8-12

**Brief Description**

Students will watch DVD, *The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia* and answer questions on a guided paper with fill-in-the-blank questions pertaining to the DVD.

**Objectives**

Students will

- Be actively involved in watching a DVD;
- Learn facts about West Virginia and the judicial system in a clear, understandable way;
- Memorize facts more easily through the written/note-taking method.

**Keywords**

*West Virginia, judicial system, justice, DVD*

**Materials Needed**

- DVD: *The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia*
- Guided worksheet for DVD
- Pens and/or pencils

**Lesson Plan**

Give each student a worksheet and a minute to read over the questions. Tell the students to answer the questions as they watch the movie. It is important that they listen to the movie attentively in order to answer all of the questions. View the movie. After the movie has been watched, collect the papers.

Additional suggestions:

Before collecting the papers, have a discussion about what the students watched. To have students actively involved in the discussion, ask them if they missed any of the answers. If they have, ask other students to give their answers and discuss the question further.

### **Assessment**

Students earn points from their worksheets and involvement which are added to students' overall grades; may also be used as a source of bonus points toward a test or overall grades.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

***The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia Worksheet***

1. The West Virginia Supreme Court is located in the \_\_\_\_\_ wing of the West Virginia State Capitol.
2. How many justices are in the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia?
3. West Virginia justices are elected to \_\_\_\_\_ terms.
4. The position of Chief Justice is chosen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the Court on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.
5. The Chief Justice serves as the \_\_\_\_\_ head of the judicial branch.
6. The state added the fourth justice in \_\_\_\_\_ and the final justice in \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Supreme Court of Appeals has been housed inside the State Capitol in Charleston for more than \_\_\_\_\_ years.
8. How many times has West Virginia's capitol moved?
9. West Virginia's first three justices were:
10. In \_\_\_\_\_, the second Charleston Capitol building burned to the ground.
11. Who was the architect and designer of the West Virginia State Capitol?
12. The first quotation seen above the courtroom is from \_\_\_\_\_.
13. "The true foundation of \_\_\_\_\_ government is the equal right of every citizen in his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and in their management."

14. The quotation at the back of the room is from the second inaugural address of \_\_\_\_\_.

15. “\_\_\_\_\_ in the right as God gives us to see the right.”

16. There are \_\_\_\_\_ different paint treatments between the top of the column and the gold starbursts that are in the center of each of the coffers.

17. Each year, about \_\_\_\_\_ West Virginians are randomly selected to serve as members of juries.

18. To serve as a juror you must be

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

19. West Virginia has only one \_\_\_\_\_ court.

20. An appellate court has the jurisdiction to review the \_\_\_\_\_ or order of a lower court.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ courts handle small claims.

22. \_\_\_\_\_ courts are where disputes related to children and families are heard and resolved.

23. Next in the pyramid are the \_\_\_\_\_ courts, called Circuit Courts.

24. At the top of the pyramid is the highest court in the state, the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

25. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a request for the state’s highest Court to review the case.

26. When the justices make a decision, in most cases, a formal written

\_\_\_\_\_ is issued.

*The Foundation of Justice: Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia*  
**Answer Sheet**

1. The West Virginia Supreme Court is located in the **EAST** wing of the West Virginia State Capitol.
2. How many justices are in the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia? **FIVE**
3. West Virginia justices are elected to **TWELVE-YEAR** terms.
4. The position of Chief Justice is chosen by **THE MEMBERS** of the Court on a **YEARLY** basis.
5. The Chief Justice serves as the **ADMINISTRATIVE** head of the judicial branch.
6. The state added the fourth justice in **1872** and the final justice in **1903**.
7. The Supreme Court of Appeals has been housed inside the State Capitol in Charleston for more than **80** years.
8. How many times has West Virginia's capitol moved? **SIX TIMES**
9. West Virginia's first three justices were: **RALPH BERKSHIRE, WILLIAM HARRISON AND JAMES HENRY BROWN.**
10. In **1921**, the second Charleston Capitol building burned to the ground.
11. Who was the architect and designer of the West Virginia State Capitol?  
**CASS GILBERT**
12. The first quotation seen above the courtroom is from **THOMAS JEFFERSON.**
13. "The true foundation of **REPUBLICAN** government is the equal right of every citizen in his **PERSON** and **PROPERTY** and in their management."
14. The quotation at the back of the room is from the second inaugural address of **ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**
15. "**FIRMNESS** in the right as God gives us to see the right."
16. There are **SEVENTEEN** different paint treatments between the top of the column and the gold starbursts that are in the center of each of the coffers.

17. Each year, about **51 THOUSAND** West Virginians are randomly selected to serve as members of juries.
18. To serve as a juror you must be
1. **A UNITED STATES CITIZEN**
  2. **EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE**
  3. **A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY FROM WHICH YOU RECEIVED THE SUMMONS**
19. West Virginia has only one **APPELLATE** court.
20. An appellate court has the jurisdiction to review the **JUDGEMENT** or order of a lower court.
21. **MAGISTRATE** courts handle small claims.
22. **FAMILY** courts are where disputes related to children and families are heard and resolved.
23. Next in the pyramid are the **TRIAL** courts, called Circuit Courts.
24. At the top of the pyramid is the highest court in the state, the **SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**.
25. An **APPEAL** is a request for the state's highest Court to review the case.
26. When the justices make a decision, in most cases, a formal written **OPINION** is issued.