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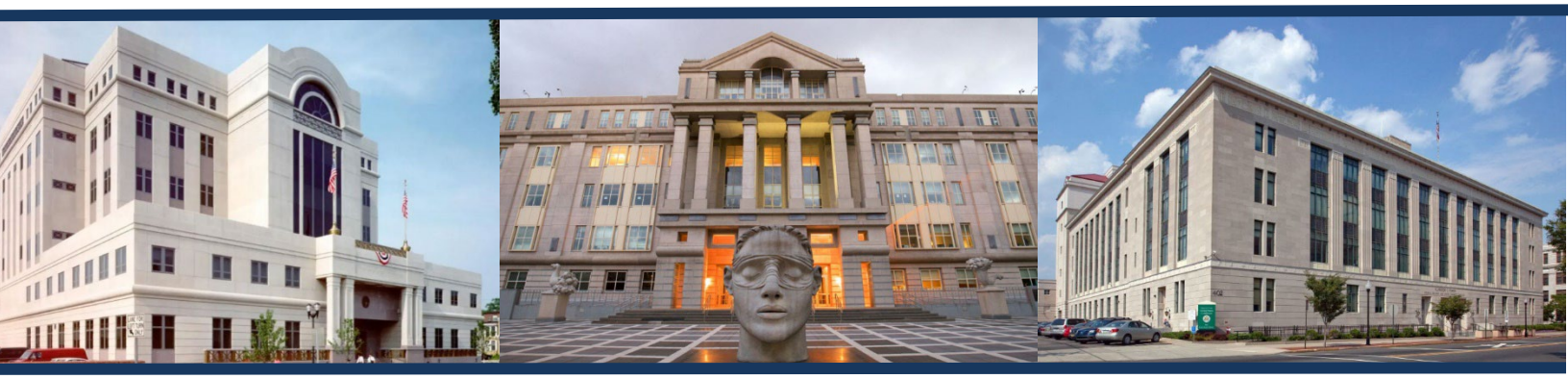
ACTIVITY BOOK ANSWER KEY



U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

CIVICS QUESTIONS ANSWERS

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Answer the following 10 multiple choice questions and see if you can answer 6 out of 10 of the questions correctly.

1. **What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?**
   - **a)** Life and death
   - **b)** Liberty and justice
   - **c)** Freedom of Speech and freedom to assemble
   - **d)** Life and the pursuit of happiness

2. **What did Martin Luther King, Jr. do?**
   - **a)** Ran for President of the United States
   - **b)** Fought for women's right to vote
   - **c)** Signed the Declaration of Independence
   - **d)** Fought for civil rights

3. **Who was the first President of the United States?**
   - **a)** John Hancock
   - **b)** George Washington
   - **c)** Benjamin Franklin
   - **d)** Abraham Lincoln

4. **What does the Constitution do?**
   - **a)** Protects basic rights of Americans
   - **b)** Sets up the government
   - **c)** Defines the government
   - **d)** All of these answers

5. **What are two ways that Americans can participate in their democracy?**
   - **a)** Write to a newspaper and call Senators and Representatives
   - **b)** Vote and join a civic group
   - **c)** Give an elected official your opinion on an issue and join a community group
   - **d)** All of these answers

6. **During the Cold War, what was the main concern of the United States?**
   - **a)** Communism
   - **b)** Climate change
   - **c)** Slavery
   - **d)** Frost Bite

7. **Name one problem that led to the Civil War.**
   - **a)** Oil
   - **b)** Women's voting rights
   - **c)** Westward expansion
   - **d)** Slavery

8. **What is the highest court in the United States?**
   - **a)** The District Court
   - **b)** The Court of Appeals
   - **c)** The Supreme Court
   - **d)** The Court of International Trade

9. **What did Susan B. Anthony do?**
   - **a)** Made the first American flag
   - **b)** Fought for women's rights
   - **c)** Founded the Red Cross
   - **d)** Served as the first female Speaker of the House

10. **The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?**
    - **a)** We the Colonists
    - **b)** Congress shall make
    - **c)** We the British
    - **d)** We the People

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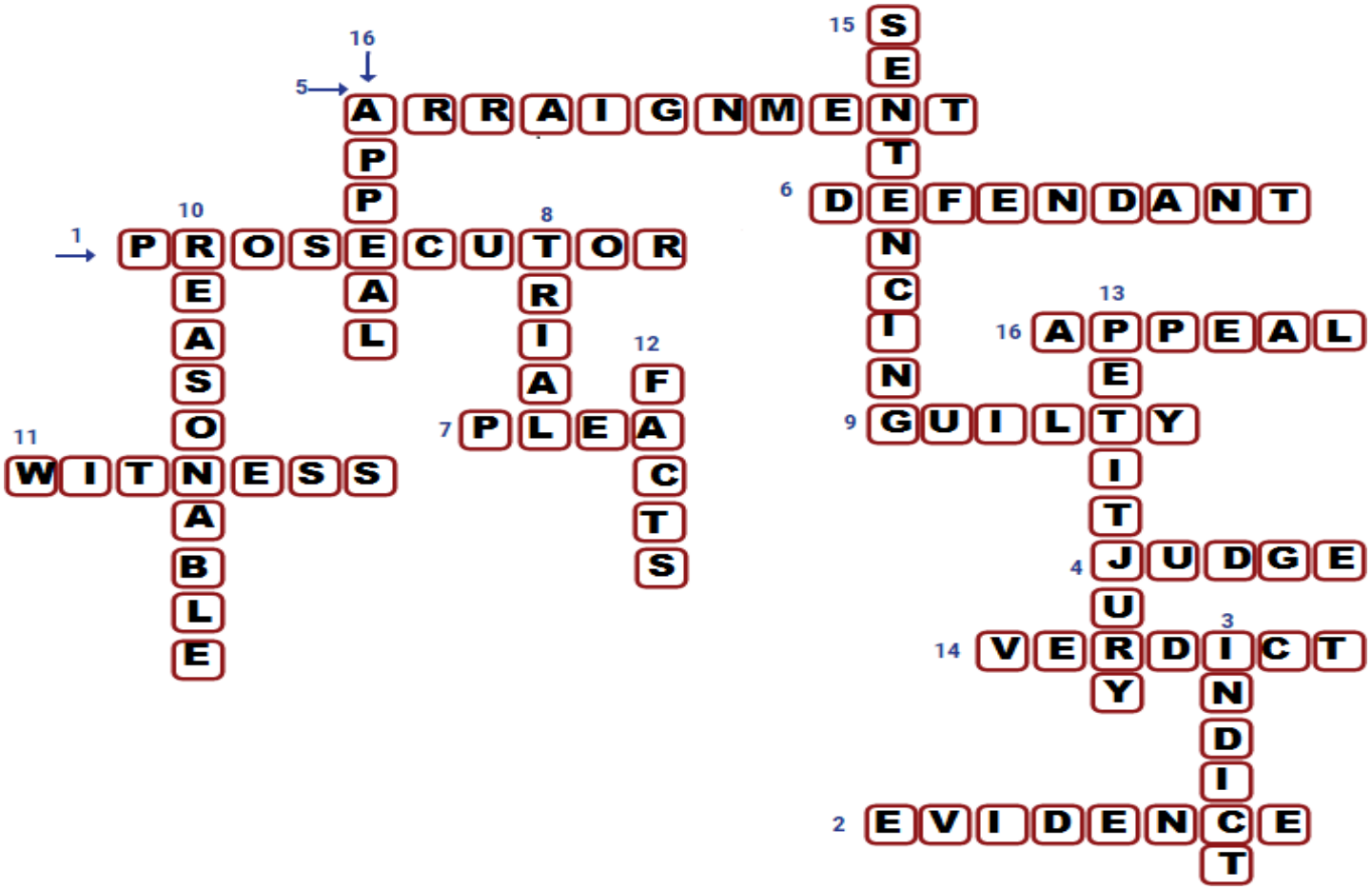
Answer the following 10 questions in the space provided. See if you can answer 6 out of 10 of the questions correctly.

1.	What do we call the first ten amendments to the Constitution?	The Bill of Rights
2.	How many amendments does the Constitution have?	27
3.	What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful?	Checks and balances; separation of powers
4.	How many U.S. Senators are there?	100
5.	There were 13 original states. Name two.	Two of the following: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia
6.	Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.	One of the following: War of 1812; Mexican-American War; Civil War; Spanish-American War
7.	Name one American Indian tribe in the United States.	One of the following: Cherokee; Navajo; Sioux; Chippewa; Choctaw; Pueblo; Apache; Iroquois; Creek; Blackfeet; Seminole; Cheyenne; Arawak; Shawnee; Mohegan; Huron; Oneida; Lakota; Crow; Teton; Hopi; Inuit
8.	Name one U.S. territory.	One of the following: Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Guam
9.	Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. What war was he in?	World War II
10.	What did the Emancipation Proclamation do?	Freed the slaves

WORD PUZZLE ANSWERS



A federal criminal case begins when the PROSECUTOR presents EVIDENCE to a grand jury. After reviewing the evidence, the grand jury decides if there is sufficient proof to INDICT the accused party. The accused is then brought before a JUDGE for _ARRAIGNMENT on the charge. A DEFENDANT can choose to plead guilty or not guilty. If a not guilty PLEA is entered, the case is scheduled for TRIAL at a later date. If a GUILTY plea is entered, the court sets a sentencing date.

If a case goes to trial, the prosecution must establish the defendant's guilt beyond a REASONABLE doubt . A WITNESS may testify and evidence will be presented. Based on all of the FACTS of the case, a PETIT JURY of 12 citizens will decide whether or not the defendant is guilty. If the VERDICT is not guilty, the defendant is free to go. If found guilty, the accused will return at a later date for SENTENCING. After the judge sentences a defendant, the individual may choose to APPEAL the conviction to a higher court.

VOCABULARY QUIZ ANSWERS

1. **How many judges make up an appeals court panel?**
   - a) 1
   - b) 3
   - c) 5

2. **Citizens called by the court to decide a case are called...**
   - a) Jurors
   - b) Witnesses
   - c) Trustees

3. **Who was the first woman and first African American judge appointed to the federal bench in the District of New Jersey?**
   - a) Sandra Day O'Connor
   - b) Anne E. Thompson
   - c) Sarah Evans Barker

4. **A _____ assists a judge with processing and managing court proceedings.**
   - a) Courtroom Deputy
   - b) Law Clerk
   - c) Clerk of Court

5. **The person in a courtroom who creates a word-for-word record of a court proceeding is a …**
   - a) Clerk of Court
   - b) Plaintiff
   - c) Court Reporter

6. **The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey is part of the ____ judicial circuit.**
   - a) 11th
   - b) 3rd
   - c) 5th

7. **Acquittal means…**
   - a) a verdict of guilty
   - b) a verdict of not guilty
   - c) an inconclusive verdict; a hung jury.

8. **Which of the following is NOT a District of New Jersey vicinage?**
   - a) Camden
   - b) Philadelphia
   - c) Trenton

9. **What Federal Court is the court of final appeal for civil and criminal matters?**
   - a) Court of Appeals
   - b) Supreme Court
   - c) District Court

10. **A _____ conducts initial court proceedings and pretrial matters on behalf of a District Judge.**
    - a) Magistrate Judge
    - b) Law Clerk
    - c) Courtroom Deputy

FILL-IN-THE-BLANK ANSWERS

A BENCH WARRANT is an order to have a person arrested and brought to court.

If a jury is unable to decide a case, they are called a HUNG JURY.

A case involving patent or copyright law is said to be within FEDERAL jurisdiction.

In a CROSS-EXAMINATION, questions are posed to a witness who testified for the other side.

A person charged with committing a crime is known as a DEFENDANT.

A LAW CLERK is responsible for assisting a judge with research, drafting opinions, and related tasks.

A District Judge is appointed by the PRESIDENT and confirmed by the SENATE.

A trial without a jury in which the judge decides which party prevails is known as a BENCH TRIAL.

A judge's private office is known as a CHAMBERS.

A list of cases to be heard by a court is known as the DOCKET.

When the police have PROBABLE CAUSE, they have proven sufficient legal basis for allowing the search and seizure of evidence.

The official record of all testimony and exhibits presented during a court proceeding is known as a TRANSCRIPT.

NAME SEARCH ANSWERS

Find the names listed to left in the below puzzle.

BUMB
DONIO
KIEL
KING
OHEARN
PASCAL
RODRIGUEZ
SKAHILL
WILLIAMS
ADAMS
ALLEN
ALMONTE
ARLEO
CECCHI
CHESLER
CLARK
ESPINOSA
FARBIARZ
HAMMER
HAYDEN
MARTINI
MARTINOTTI
NEALS
PADIN
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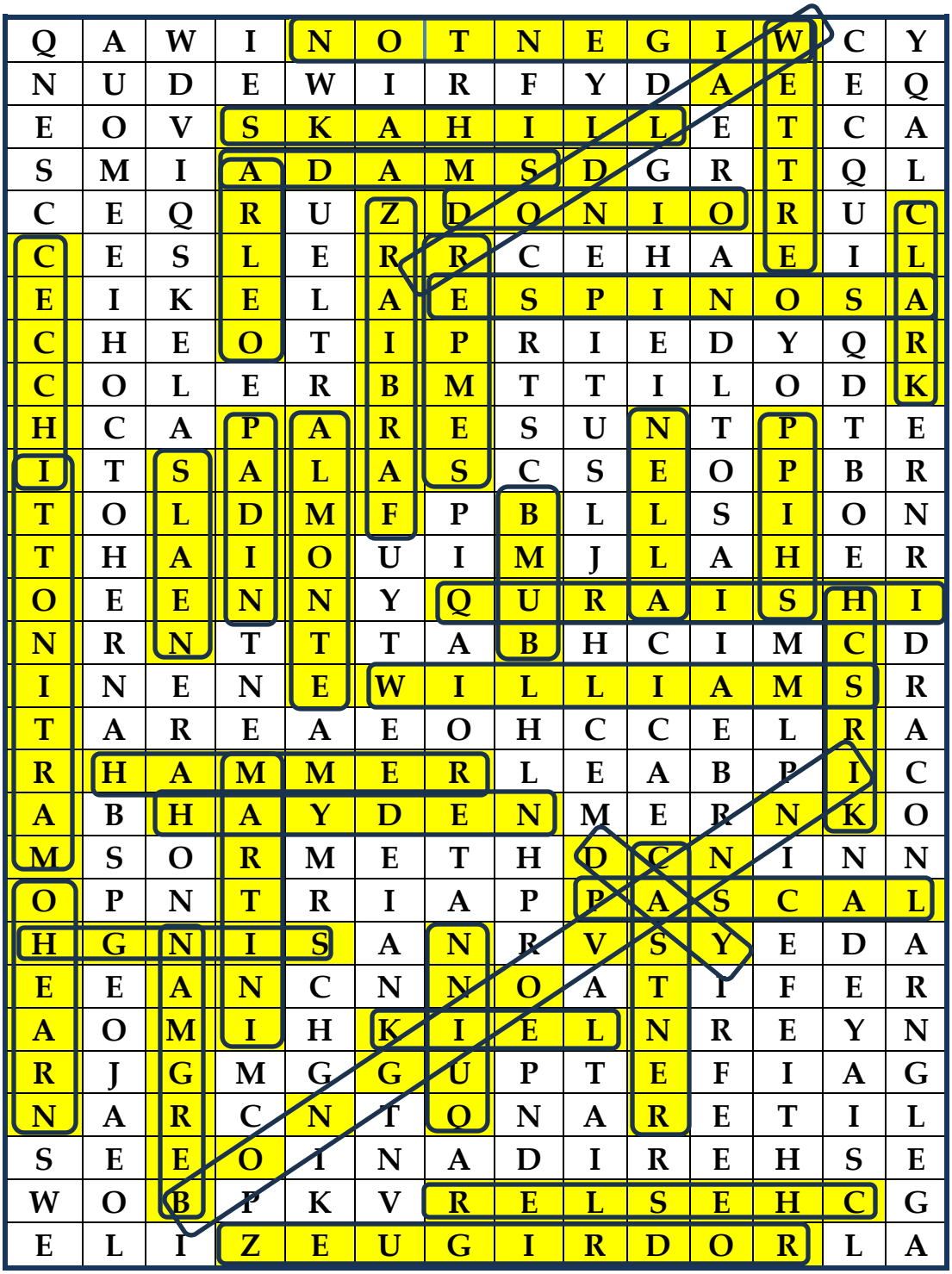

WORD UNSCRAMBLE ANSWERS

Unscramble the below legal words. If you need a hint, check out the word bank.

1. ARLPOE = PAROLE
2. EDUGJ = JUDGE
3. MHSECARB = CHAMBERS
4. RTAAWRN = WARRANT
5. UATQACITL = ACQUITTAL
6. NTINDCMITE = INDICTMENT
7. PDIIONESTO = DEPOSITION
8. ASTRNRPCTI = TRANSCRIPT
9. BNHEC = BENCH
10. MAEASGD = DAMAGES
11. UYJR = JURY
12. EDVITRC = VERDICT
13. PAALPE = APPEAL
14. ELPA = PLEA
15. SIYNTTMEO = TESTIMONY
16. CTANROTC = CONTRACT
17. TSIESNW = WITNESS
18. ECKLR = CLERK
19. KOTDCE = DOCKET
20. FIRBE = BRIEF