

***Understanding the Federal Courts: Part One***  
**Law and Individual Rights in the U.S.**  
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**INSTRUCTIONS**

Read pages 1-6 in *Understanding the Federal Courts* packet  
Answer the questions below.  
Use your OWN words. DO NOT copy from the handout.  
Please write neatly!

1. Why are the federal courts often called the “guardians of the Constitution?”
2. How does the Constitution promote “judicial independence?”
3. In what ways does Congress “check” federal courts’ powers?
4. Why is it so important to keep Federal Court proceedings open to the public?

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