

Sample Answers: A Judge's Perspective

Questions: *Use knowledge gained from the reading to answer the two questions below, but place answers in your own words.*

1. Why is writing an opinion an important part of the judicial decision-making process?

- Citizens need to know decisions are fairly reached
- Helps courts of appeal
- Furthers case law
- Helps a judge think through complex issues and forces them to carefully consider everything before making a judgment

2. What considerations go into the judicial decision-making process?

- Law books
- Cases
- Rules of evidence
- Legal precedent
- Prior rulings

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<https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2014/09/how-judges-make-decisions/>

<https://www.minnpost.com/community-voices/2014/10/why-judges-write-opinions/>