

Comparing Government Officials Activity-**Sample Answer**

Directions: Choose two officials to do a side-by-side comparison of. One of the individuals **must** be a judge (can be federal or state). The other individual is your choice.

Hi, I'm: The U.S. President	Hi, I'm: A U.S. Supreme Court Justice
<p>A little about me... I am a: Member of the executive branch</p> <p>I got my position by: Being elected by the citizens of the United States. I received the most votes in the Electoral College</p> <p>I can remain in my position for: 4 years before I would have to be re-elected. In total, I can only remain in office for 2 terms or 10 years</p> <p>Some of my qualifications are: I am at least 35 years old I am a natural born U.S. citizen I have been a U.S. resident for at least 14 years</p> <p>My role in government is: To enforce laws Leader of the executive branch Appoint federal judges/justices Represent the U.S. abroad Veto or sign legislation</p> <p>When I make decisions, I have to consider: Everyone in the nation My political party My potential re-election Foreign and domestic policy The other branches</p>	<p>A little about me... I am a: Member of the judicial branch</p> <p>I got my position by: Being appointed by the U.S. President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate</p> <p>I can remain in my position for: For life as well as I am well behaved</p> <p>Some of my qualifications are: Law experience and strong knowledge of the U.S. Constitution...however I did not have to have these qualifications for my position</p> <p>My role in government is: To interpret laws To affirm or reverse decisions by lower courts To determine the constitutionality of state and federal laws Apply the U.S. Constitution to everything I do</p> <p>When I make decisions, I have to consider: State and federal laws (federal laws supreme) Past case precedence The U.S. Constitution</p>