

COURT SYSTEM SCAVENGER HUNT

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From The Classroom of Roseann Damato

- 👉 Assign a particular Federal or State Court to a group of students. (I use usually pair them). Ask the students to make a poster of the court they have been assigned. They should use their textbooks and any notes provided.
- 👉 The poster should include a list of the types of cases that particular court hears. I provide them with photos of court houses I get from the internet to help decorate.
- 👉 Students should also come up with examples of scenarios (cases that might be heard in that court and put them on the poster.
- 👉 Groups will then be asked to present their court.
- 👉 Display the posters around the room.
- 👉 As a test review, once they have completed their presentations, I have them go on a "scavenger hunt". I use 2 different "hunts" but you may use 1 or more. Students are then asked to fill in the answers to each scenario presented in the hunt. Give them a time limit. Students with the most correct answers win bonus points on their test.

Courts will be broken up as follows:

Federal:

Supreme Court
Court of Appeals/ Appeals for
Federal circuit

US Claims court
US Court of International Trade
US Tax Court

Territorial
Military Appeals
US District Courts

NY State:

Court of Appeals
Supreme Court

Court of Claims
Family Court
Surrogate Court

County Court
District Court
Town and Village Court

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Where would you go? Hunt #1

If you were in one of these situations, which court would you go to? The team that has the most correct gets 2 extra credit points.

1. You just got busted with a can of spray paint after you graffiti someone's fence. You are 14 years old. Where would you go? _____
2. Your neighbor is suing you for \$150 – the amount it costs to repaint the fence you spray-painted. Where would you go? _____
3. A family member dies leaving all their possessions to You! Other family members disapprove. Where would you go? _____
4. You got into a car accident with a person from New Jersey. Your Car is totaled and you missed 3 months of work. You are suing for \$100,000. The other party does not have insurance. Where would you go? _____
5. You just received a parking ticket for parking in a handicapped spot. You want to fight the ticket. Where would you go?

6. Your child stopped attending school at the age of 14 without your consent. The school wants to take your child to court. Where would you go?

7. On your 19th birthday, you get caught with a small amount of Marijuana. Where would you go?

8. Your family takes care of a foster child and would now like to adopt him. Where would you go?

9. You are an international ambassador and have been accused of insider trading. Where would you go?

10. You have recent been convicted of tax evasion by the IRS and feel you have been unjustly punished. Where would you go?

Answer Key #1

1. family
2. town/village Small claims
3. surrogate
4. us district
5. town/village traffic
6. family
7. state district
8. family
9. US supreme
10. US Tax

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Where would you go? Hunt #2

1. On your 15th birthday, you get caught buying cigarettes. Where would you go? _____
2. You have \$50,000 racked up in credit card bills and lost your job 2 years ago with no prospects in sight. You can't pay your bills anymore and need to declare bankruptcy. Where do you go?

3. You get caught dumping your garbage in an empty lot in the local park from cleaning out your garage and are fined \$100. Where do you go? _____
4. You have been accused of taking improper tax deductions on your IRS tax returns. Where do you go? _____
5. You are 13 years old and are found living alone in an abandoned trailer. Where do you go?

6. You purchased a vintage car from a private owner in Florida (you live in New York). The car is

basically inoperable and you decide to sue the seller. Where do you go? _____

7. You are driving on the Northern Parkway in Garden City, when a piece of the overpass falls on your car and causes substantial damage. Where do you go? _____
8. You are an international consulate and have been accused of running a gambling operation in the back of a local business. Where do you go?

9. You have lost the case in your claim against the state (see #7 above). You feel this judgment was incorrect. Where do you go? _____
10. A close relative of yours has passed away but has no will. She has a child she has not spoken to in several years and you have been her caregiver for the last several years. You believe that her child has unjustly inherited her money. Where do you go? _____

Answer Key:

1. family
2. US district
3. Town and Village
4. US Tax
5. Family
6. US District
7. State Court of claims
8. US Supreme
9. State Court of Appeals
10. Surrogate court