

The Marshall Court- Supreme Court Decisions

Background: John Marshall was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He served from 1801-1835. His leadership on the court earned him the reputation as “the first among equals.” The Court’s decision in *Marbury v. Madison* established the Supreme Court’s power of judicial review. If a law or any portion of the law is ruled by the court to violate the U.S. Constitution then the Supreme Court assumed the power to nullify (get rid of) that piece of legislation. During what became known as the “Marshall Court” the Supreme Court made some landmark decisions that had a lasting impact on the history of the United States.

Task: For **two** of the following court cases (one must be *Marbury v. Madison*) you must **(On a separate sheet of paper)**

1. Describe the 2 sides of the court case.
2. Identify who won.
3. Explain why the court ruled as it did.
4. Create a headline or a political cartoon that summarizes the constitutional issue of the case or the Supreme Court decision

Court Cases:

1. *Marbury v Madison*
2. *Dartmouth v Woodward*
3. *Fletcher v Peck*
4. *McCullough v. Maryland*
5. *Gibbons v Ogden*
6. *Worcester v Georgia*
7. *Cherokee Nation v Georgia*

What do cases #2 -#7 have in common?

After the *Worcester* decision, Jackson remarked, "John Marshall has made his decision. Now let him enforce it."- What government principle was Jackson referring to?