

# WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY

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## VIDEO QUIZ: THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA AT 200

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1. The Supreme Court of North Carolina is the THIRD branch of North Carolina state government. [5:39]
2. The Supreme Court is the HIGHEST court in North Carolina, has had 101 associate justices and 29 chief justices throughout its history. [5:39]
3. Before the Supreme Court was founded in 1819, SUPERIOR courts were the main courts in North Carolina and the oldest courts still in existence since 1776. [10:50]
4. Judge WILLIAM GASTON introduced the concept of a supreme court in the state legislature and sponsored legislation which created the Supreme Court in North Carolina. [13:40]
5. The COURT OF APPEALS is an “intermediate” court that was established in 1967 to help alleviate the caseload burden of the Supreme Court. [24:30]
6. JUDICIAL PRECEDENT is what binds a judge to follow a higher court’s decision in a case that contains similar facts and law. Judges may be bound by decisions set by a higher court in a previous case no matter how that judge feels about the facts of the case before them. [26:48]
7. Supreme Court justices are elected officials and have been members of both major political parties. But unlike governors and legislators, justices are not servants of the people. Their role is to apply the law as written. POLITICS & POPULAR OPINION play no role in how a case is decided. [28:14]
8. WALTER CLARK is the chief justice who served from 1903-1924 and focused on legal protection for women and children. [31:01]
9. The first woman to be a judge, justice, and chief justice in North Carolina was SUSIE SHARP. She was considered by President Kennedy for a position on the United States Supreme Court. [32:01]
10. The first African American justice on the Supreme Court of North Carolina was HENRY FRYE. He later became the first African American chief justice on the court in 1999. [39:11]
11. st woman to become a licensed attorney in North Carolina was TABITHA HOLTON in 1878. [49:03]

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