

## Michigan Supreme Court Student Study Guide

In the space provided write the answer to each question in complete sentences.

1. Why did it take so long for Michigan to become a state even after it met the requirements set forth in the Northwest Ordinance?
2. What was the compromise proposed by the Congress of the United States?
3. In the Constitution of 1835, how was the state judicial branch designed?
4. In a paragraph, explain how the Constitutions of 1835, 1850, and 1963 have changed the Michigan Supreme Court's role, duties, and makeup.
5. Name the first three justices of the Michigan Supreme Court.

6. In the Michigan Territory, why would the laws to be enforced be the ones enacted by the governor, the secretary, and three judges in Cincinnati?

7. What was the name of the document that was a series of statutes (laws) that became the basis of legal procedures in the Michigan Territory?

8. Where were the three circuits the Supreme Court had to hold sessions in annually?

9. Originally who had the power over the Supreme Court?

10. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century Supreme Court, what does it mean when it is said that important changes occurred in the “makeup” of the Court rather than its “structure”?

11. How did the “important firsts” contribute to the betterment of the Court?