

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. What does a Judge do?
2. What kind of things do attorneys do?
3. What is the most important quality for a Judge to have?
4. Why do we need judges?
5. Why do we need attorneys?
6. Judicial Jeopardy topics: Judicial Jeopardy has a few topics which will require you to talk to the students.
  - a. Becoming a Judge
    - i. Judges and lawyers have gone to Law School
    - ii. Judges must have been an attorney for 10 years
    - iii. Governor appoints judges
    - iv. Judges can be elected
    - v. Judges serve 6 year terms
  - b. Trials
    - i. Number of jurors in a criminal case
    - ii. People sits closest to jury
    - iii. The court reporter takes down everything said in a trial
    - iv. Jurors must be unanimous in criminal cases
    - v. The well
  - c. Bill Of Rights
    - i. Privilege Against Self-Incrimination
    - ii. Right to Counsel
    - iii. Right to Confront and Cross-examine witnesses
    - iv. Right to a Jury Trial
    - v. Search and seizure
  - d. LA Superior Courts:
    - i. LASC serves 10 million people
    - ii. There are over 616 courtrooms in LASC
    - iii. There are 58 courthouses in LASC
    - iv. Juvenile delinquency is the type of court for minors accused of a crime
    - v. Probate court is the type of court that hears cases after someone has died.
  - e. Branches of Gov't
    - i. Three branches of government, Executive, Legislature and Judicial
    - ii. Executive branch enforces the law
    - iii. CA Legislature comprised of House and Assembly
    - iv. Judiciary interprets laws and resolves disputes
    - v. Three levels of courts in CA