**Supreme Court Activity (www.supremecourt.gov)**

**For this activity use the netbooks to determine the actual make-up of the Supreme Court today after you have made the court “ideal” on the other side. This should give some idea as to how they have (and will decide) certain cases. Remember the idea on the “ideal” Supreme Court side is that no one group gets more “help” than another.**

**Supreme Court:**

**Who-**

**What-**

**How-**

**When-**

**Why-**

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| Justice | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Age  Average- | 63 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gender  66%- male  33%-female | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Race  % | W |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Political Party (who nominated them)  % | Rep. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Religion | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXXX | XXXXXX | XXXXX | XXXXXXX | XXXXXX |
| Home State  % | NY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Previous Job | Court of Appeals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. What does this information tell us about the Supreme Court? Cite three ideals.
2. Does the court represent all criteria listed fairly?
3. How could gender play a role in a case concerning abortion?
4. How could age play a role in a case concerning retirement or social security?
5. How could race play a role in a case concerning affirmative action or racial profiling?
6. Considering all the factors listed above is it a good idea to have a Judicial Branch that can override laws that the executive and legislative branches pass?
7. Cite what criteria you think should be the “most fair” breakdown of the court : Use number s and abbreviations such as this example:

Race-

Gender-

Pol Party- 3- third party, 3 – republican, 3- democrat

Age-

Home State-

1. **Outcomes of the following four cases (include in your ruling):**
2. **Your outcome (9-0,8-1,7-2,etc)**
3. **Two examples of bias at the Supreme Court based on that case**
4. **Two points that support your outcome**
5. **One counter argument that supports your outcome**