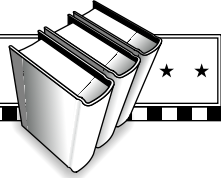


# Guided Reading Activity 11-2

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## Lower Federal Courts

**★DIRECTIONS** Use the information in your textbook to complete this chart.

	FEDERAL DISTRICT COURTS	FEDERAL COURTS OF APPEALS
<b>Who Hears the Cases</b>		
<b>Jurisdiction</b>		
<b>Number of Courts</b>		

**★DIRECTIONS** Use the information in your textbook to complete these sentences.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ courts help Congress exercise its powers.
2. In 1982 Congress established the \_\_\_\_\_ to handle claims against the U.S. for money damages.
3. The Circuit Court of Appeals for the \_\_\_\_\_ hears appeals from the Claims Court.
4. Cases come to the United States \_\_\_\_\_ Court from citizens who disagree with the Internal Revenue Service rulings about the federal taxes they must pay.
5. The U. S. Court of Appeals for the \_\_\_\_\_ hears cases involving members of the military.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Courts handle cases in the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico.
7. The president, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints all \_\_\_\_\_ judges.
8. When President Kennedy was elected in 1960, the Democratic Congress immediately passed a new \_\_\_\_\_ bill creating 71 new positions for the president to fill.
9. Because judges are appointed for life, presidents view judicial appointments as opportunities to perpetuate their political \_\_\_\_\_ after leaving the White House.
10. Under the \_\_\_\_\_ practice, a president submits the name of a candidate for judicial appointment to the senators from the candidate's state before formally submitting it for full Senate approval.

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