POLS 1101
Chapter 13 Study Guide

Marbury v. Madison
Judicial review
District courts, appeals or circuit courts, and the Supreme Court
Constitutional versus statutory interpretation
Plaintiffs and defendants
Plea bargain
Precedent/stare decisis
Standing
Mootness
Judicial confirmation process
Ideology, the median voter and the Supreme Court
Writ of certiorari
Rule of four
Solicitor general
Amicus curiae
How the courts affect policy
Supreme Court votes and opinions
   Majority opinion
   Dissenting opinion
   Concurring opinion
How democratic is the Supreme Court (see page 406 of the textbook)?
Electing judges versus lifetime tenure

Midterm 3 will also include Amendments 7, 8, 9, and 10 from the Bill of Rights

Amendment 7
   Trial by Jury
Amendment 8
   No excessive bail or fines
   No cruel and unusual punishments
Amendment 9
   The enumeration of specific rights in the Constitution shall not be construed
to deny other rights retained by the people
Amendment 10
   Powers not delegated by the Constitution to the national government are
   retained by the states