Exercise #1. Using the Constitutional Law Resources on the Internet guide on the Resources link (plus sources added here) please answer the following questions about the Supreme Court typewritten briefly on separate paper (I recommend that you work with a partner and turn in one assignment sheet for the pair). Try to turn this in on Tuesday, January 13. I will of course accept these as late as Thursday, January 15 (10 points)

One point for each correct answer:

1. Find a copy of the US Constitution on the Internet. Identify which article of the Constitution defines the judicial powers of the US government. In Section 1 of the article, what is the rule for the compensation of judges?

2. Supreme Courts are usually referred to by the name of their chief justices (re: the “Rehnquist Court). With this in mind, which was the longest running Court in the 20th Century?

3. Who are the nine current justices of the US Supreme Court (affectionately referred to as “the nine black beetles in the Temple of Karnak) and which president nominated each of them?

4. What is the meaning of “the rule of law?” Use the National Constitution Center to locate and summarize the meaning> http://www.constitutioncenter.org

5. What are the (real as opposed to official) beginning and ending dates of the Supreme Court’s annual term (approximately)?

6. Identify five (5) of the major constitutional topics addressed thus far in the 2003-2004 Supreme Court term

7. The US Solicitor General represents the federal government in cases before the Supreme Court and is the principal federal litigation strategist. Who is the current Solicitor General?

8. During which months and on which days of the week does the Supreme Court hear “oral arguments?” According to Rule 28, how much time is allotted to each side during oral arguments? http://www.findlaw.com>Supreme Court Center>Supreme Court Resources>rules>calendar

9. What was the constitutional question in the landmark case, Baker v. Carr (1962)? What was the decision of the Court? (Oyez is a good source here.)
10. Article V of the US Constitution spells out the methods for amending the constitution. Identify the supermajorities necessary to amend the Constitution. Then, use the transcription of the constitution at http://www.archives.gov/national_archives_experience/constitution.html to specifically identify the amendments (there are eight of them) that revise the body of the constitution and the article (and section) they revise.

_Bonus: One point for each correct answer:_

11. Which US President became a Supreme Court Justice? Which president nominated him for the Supreme Court?

12. Which law school did Chief Justice William Rehnquist attend?

13-15. Identify the Supreme Court reporters for the *Washington Post, National Public Radio, and the Chicago Tribune._