

The United States Supreme Court gained recognition as an equal branch of government as a result of John Marshall's judicial strategy

Prior to the appointment of Chief Justice John Marshall, the Supreme Court had little power



In *Marbury v. Madison* (1803), Chief Justice Marshall and the Supreme Court first declared an act of Congress unconstitutional, thus establishing the power of judicial review.

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the operation of the federal judiciary by b) examining how John Marshall established the Supreme Court as an independent, co-equal branch of government through his opinion in *Marbury v. Madison*