

Marbury v. Madison / So, What's the Big Idea??? — Answer Key

Assume you are on a social media site, and you are in a group called “The Supreme Court Rules!” Read the following post asking for homework help and the replies from other students trying to be helpful.



RBGfan2008

Help!!! So, I'm reading about the Supreme Court case of *Marbury v. Madison*. It's a bit confusing. I'm trying to figure out the main point. What's the big idea??? Any help out there? #marburywhatsthebigidea??

reply



SCOTUSknowitall

Re: Help!!!

I studied that one. I think the main point that some dude didn't get his government job because the new president didn't like his friends. Dude sued the government and lost. Right?

reply



GorsuchGal4569

Re: Help!!!

No. No. Wasn't the main idea that the Supreme Court said it did not have power to issue that writ of mandamus thing? (requiring the government to deliver the job papers to the guy?)

reply



TheChief

Re: Help!!!

The Court said it didn't like the law Congress had passed that included the writ thing.

reply

Now it is your turn to demonstrate what you learned about the case of *Marbury v. Madison*. The people who posted above were not totally wrong, but they did not get the main point of the decision. Set the record straight and write your reply.

**Re: Help!!!**

Student answers will vary but should address the “big idea” that this case established a balance of power between the judiciary and the other branches of government because it asserted the Court’s power of judicial review.

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