

## ACTING AS AN AMATEUR HISTORIAN



*McCulloch v. Maryland* marked the first time the Supreme Court ruled on federal and state laws in conflict. In this case, Chief Justice John Marshall handed down one of his most important decisions regarding the extent of federal power:

“Let the end be legitimate, let it be within the scope of the Constitution, and all means which are appropriate, which are plainly adapted to that end, which are not prohibited, but consistent with the letter and spirit of the Constitution, are constitutional.... The power to tax involves the power to destroy; that the power to destroy may defeat and render useless the power to create....”

- ★ Summarize Chief Justice Marshall’s decision in your own words.
- ★ Do you agree with Chief Justice Marshall’s decision? Explain your answer.
- ★ How did Marshall show leadership in the three cases you just studied?



## LEARNING WITH GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS



Complete the graphic organizer below. For each Supreme Court decision describe it and evaluate its impact.

| <i>Marbury v. Madison</i>                         | <i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i>                      | <i>Gibbons v. Ogden</i>                           |
|---|---|---|
| Description: _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____     | Description: _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____     | Description: _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____     |
| Impact: _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ | Impact: _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ | Impact: _____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |