



What Is a Writ of Certiorari? - Quiz

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Q1. What does a writ of certiorari indicate?

- A. A lower court wishes to review a decision made by a higher court
- B. A supreme court wishes to review a decision made by a lower court
- C. A party wishes to withdraw their appeal
- D. A court wishes to dismiss a case without review

Q2. What is the meaning of the word 'certiorari'?

- A. To dismiss a case
- B. To be more fully informed
- C. To finalize a decision
- D. To request a new trial

Q3. How many writs of certiorari does the United States Supreme Court typically grant each year?

- A. 50-100
- B. 100-150
- C. 200-250
- D. 500-600

Q4. How many Supreme Court justices must vote to hear a case for a writ of certiorari to be granted?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6

Q5. Which of the following is NOT one of the five main kinds of writs used today?

- A. Certiorari
- B. Habeas corpus
- C. Quo-warranto
- D. Subpoena

Q6. What type of cases does the United States Supreme Court typically hear?

- A. Cases important to the country or the public as a whole
- B. All appealed cases
- C. Only criminal cases
- D. Only civil cases

Q7. What happens if a writ of certiorari is granted?

- A. The case is dismissed
- B. The lower court must send all documentation and records to the higher court
- C. The party must pay a fine
- D. The case is automatically won by the petitioner

Q8. Which court is typically petitioned first for a writ of certiorari?

- A. United States Supreme Court
- B. State supreme court
- C. Local court
- D. Federal district court

Q9. What is the final judgment on a matter once it is heard by the Supreme Court?

- A. It can be appealed again
- B. It is deemed the final judgment
- C. It is sent back to the lower court
- D. It is reviewed by the President

Q10. What was one effect of a Supreme Court decision resulting from a writ of certiorari?

- A. The death penalty for juvenile offenders was found unconstitutional
- B. All appeals were automatically granted
- C. The number of writs granted increased
- D. Lower courts were abolished

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: D
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: A