

For use with "Will the Climate Kids Save the Planet?" on p. 6 of the magazine

Test Your Knowledge

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions about "Will the Climate Kids Save the Planet?" For the analysis section, refer to the article as needed.

CHECK COMPREHENSION

- 1. What caused Jayden Foytlin to join the plaintiffs in *Juliana* v. *United States*?
 - a She was personally affected by extreme flooding.
 - **b** She was inspired by a speech given by Xiuhtezcatl Martinez.
 - **c** She felt frustrated after reading newspaper articles about the delays with the case.
 - **d** She became friends with Juliana Kelsey in college and wanted to support her fight.

2. What is the public trust doctrine?

- a the process for filing a lawsuit in federal court
- **b** the network of organizations that advocate for environmental causes
- c the commonalities among several historic Supreme Court rulings
- **d** the idea that the government is obligated to protect natural resources for public use

3. What do the plaintiffs hope the courts will force the federal government to do?

- a allow more plaintiffs to join their lawsuit
- **b** work with other countries to protect rainforests
- c write a plan that drastically reduces carbon emissions
- **d** encourage the use of fossil fuels over renewable energy

4. According to the article, what are the courts generally reluctant to embrace?

- a creative legal theories
- **b** lawsuits initiated by young people
- c multiple lawsuits about the same issue
- **d** requests for stays by the federal government

ANALYZE THE TEXT

- 5. "This lawsuit is an unconstitutional attempt to use a single Oregon court to control the entire nation's energy and climate policy," says Jeffrey H. Wood. The word that best allows you to infer that he is against the lawsuit is ____.
 - a unconstitutional
 - **b** single
 - c control
 - d entire
- **6.** Which claim does the author support by referring to *Brown* v. *Board of Education*?
 - **a** The courts are the wrong place to deal with climate change issues.
 - **b** The courts are sometimes responsive to creative legal theories.
 - **c** The climate kids' case could be a game changer for the judicial branch.
 - **d** The climate kids are confident that their work is making a difference.
- In the section "A Novel Legal Strategy," the word partisan most nearly means ____.
 - a relating to current events
 - **b** causing great interest in a situation
 - c resulting from environmental concerns
 - d involving biased reactions due to political beliefs

8. Which detail from the article best supports the answer to guestion 7?

- a "climate change"
- b "long ago"
- c "now more than ever"
- **d** "we need conservative and progressive people"

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS Please use the other side of this paper for your responses.

9. Based on the article, which side do you think makes the more effective argument—the plaintiffs in *Juliana* v. *United States* or the federal government in its requests for stays and delays? Explain.

10. Why do you think the author included the section "A Novel Legal Strategy"?

QUIZ