Article 3 – The Judicial Branch

**1** Section 1 – Federal Courts and Judges

The judicial power of the United States shall be *vested* in one Supreme Court.

The size, composition and organization of federal courts is left up to Congress.

The judges shall receive a compensation, which shall not diminish while they are in office.

**2** Section 2 – Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction means the right, power or authority to administer justice by hearing and determining controversies.

The judicial power (jurisdiction) shall extend to:

-cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls

-to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction (cases of ships/shipping)

-controversies over which the United States shall be a party

Original Jurisdiction means: first chance to hear a case

Appellate Jurisdiction means: appeals from a lower court

Trials shall be heard by a jury; states will try cases in the state that the crime was committed.

**3** Section 3 – Treason

Treason shall consist of: levying was against them or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort.

The Congress shall have power to declare the punishment of treason.