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## Marbury v. Madison Exit Slip

### *The Post*

Assume you are on a social networking site and you are in a group called “The Supreme Court Rules!” Read the following posts and then make one of your own to settle the question.

- Post #1: “So, I’m reading about the Supreme Court case of *Marbury v. Madison*. It’s a bit technical. I’m trying to figure out the main point. Any help out there?”
- Post #2: 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?
- Post #3: 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 dude?)
- Post #4: The Court said it didn’t like the law Congress had passed that included the *writ* thing.

Now it is your turn. 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 post.

- Your post: What is the BIG idea of the case?