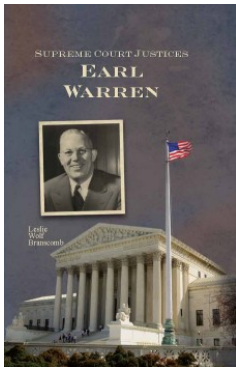


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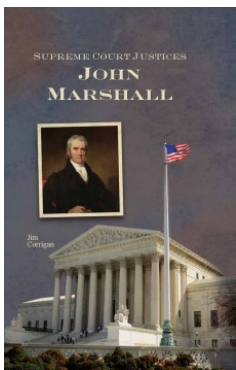
Earl Warren. Branscomb, Leslie Wolf (Author)

Oct 2010. 112 p. Morgan Reynolds, library edition, \$28.95. (9781599351582). 347.73.

This straightforward biography from the Supreme Court Justices series offers a balanced look at the life and career of Earl Warren. After growing up poor in a small town, Warren became a lawyer and was elected as a district attorney, attorney general, and governor of California. Despite his lack of judicial experience, he was appointed chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1953. Branscomb includes Warren's mistakes but portrays him as a fair-minded man who led the court ably through a series of controversial and significant decisions. One chapter is devoted to his work on the Warren Commission, investigating Kennedy's assassination. An appendix succinctly sums up 11 significant cases decided by the Warren court, followed by a time line of

his life, source notes for quotes, and lists of books and Internet sites. Well-chosen boxed quotes and period photos appear throughout the book, with color used sparingly but effectively. This well-researched and clearly written volume offers a good introduction to Warren.

— Carolyn Phelan



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Reviewed by: Ruth Dyer School: Schofield MS Date:8-10-11

Title: **John Marshall** Author: Jim Corrigan

Illustrator: Dewey # 921 ISBN 9781599351599

Interest Level: Reading Level: 7-12 # of Pages:111 Genre: Nonfiction-Biography Copyright 2011 Price

Publisher Name and Address: Reynolds Publishing, Inc. , 620 South Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27406

Series: Supreme Court Justices Edition:

Brief Descriptions

Description of Book/Plot: It traces the life of Chief Justice John Marshall, who served on the Supreme Court for thirty-four years, describes how he established the power of judicial review, and discusses the impact of his decisions.

Main Theme(s): The book covers Marshall's development as a lawyer and judge and the Marbury v. Madison case.

Are the illustrations appropriate to the story? Explain why or why not.: The illustrations are appropriate and well-spaced, but there are not enough to break up the rather dense text.

Are facts and descriptions accurate and consistent with the story and setting? (e.g. time periods, geography, etc.)

The facts appear to be accurate and well-balanced. It includes a timeline, bibliography, index, and an appendix of related court cases.

Comments on how this book correlates to the CCSD curriculum: This book could be used in social studies/ government classes.