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Chapter Slice



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			R	eadi	ng (Com	pre	hen:	sion	
	Skills For Critical Thinking	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8	Writing Tasks
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	 List Facts / Details Recall Information Match Sequence Recognize Validity (T/F) 	1	1	1111	111	1 1	\ \ \ \ \	<i>J J</i>	\ \ \ \ \	<i>y</i>
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	Compare & ContrastSummarizeState Main IdeaDescribe	✓	1	111	1	111	J	1 1	✓	<i>y y y</i>
LEVEL 3 Application	Apply What Is LearnedInfer Outcomes	1			✓	√		1	√	
LEVEL 4 Analysis	 Draw Conclusions Make Inferences Identify Cause & Effect 	1	1	✓		<i>J</i>	> > > >	<i>J</i>	<	<i>y y y</i>
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	PredictDesignCreateCompile Research		1	/	1	1	√	1	\ \ \ \	* * * * * * * * * *
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	Defend An OpinionMake Judgements	1				1		1		<i>y y</i>

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy





Assignment:

Assessment Rubric





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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Understanding Concepts	Demonstrates a limited understanding of the concepts. Requires teacher intervention.	Demonstrates a basic understanding of the concepts.	Demonstrates a good understanding of the concepts.	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of the concepts.
Response to the Text	Expresses responses to the text with limited effectiveness, inconsistently supported by proof from the text	Expresses responses to the text with some effectiveness, supported by some proof from the text	Expresses responses to the text with appropriate skills, supported with appropriate proof	Expresses thorough and complete responses to the text, supported by concise and effective proof from the text
Analysis & Application of Concepts	Interprets and applies various concepts in the text with few, unrelated details and incorrect analysis	Interprets and applies various concepts in the text with some detail, but with some inconsistent analysis	Interprets and applies various concepts in the text with appropriate detail and analysis	Effectively interprets and applies various concepts in the text with consistent, clear and effective detail and analysis

NEXT STEPS:	
WEAKNESSES:	
STRENGTHS:	

Student's Name:



Teacher Guide





Our resource has been created for ease of use by both **TEACHERS** and **STUDENTS** alike.

Introduction

his resource provides ready-to-use information and activities for remedial students in grades five to eight. Written to grade and using simplified language and vocabulary, social studies concepts are presented in



a way that makes them more accessible to students and easier to understand. Comprised of reading passages, student activities and overhead transparencies, our resource can be used effectively for whole-class, small group and independent work.

How Is Our Resource Organized?

STUDENT HANDOUTS

Reading passages and **activities** (in the form of reproducible worksheets) make up the majority of our resource. The reading passages present important grade-appropriate information and concepts related to the topic. Embedded in each passage are one or more questions that ensure students understand what they have read.

For each reading passage there are **BEFORE YOU READ** activities and **AFTER YOU READ** activities.

- The BEFORE YOU READ activities prepare students for reading by setting a purpose for reading. They stimulate background knowledge and experience, and guide students to make connections between what they know and what they will learn. Important concepts and vocabulary are also presented.
- The AFTER YOU READ activities check students' comprehension of the concepts presented in the reading passage and extend their learning. Students are asked to give thoughtful consideration of the reading passage through creative and evaluative short-answer questions, research, and extension activities.

Writing Tasks are included to further develop students' thinking skills and understanding of the concepts. The **Assessment Rubric** (*page 4*) is a useful tool for evaluating students' responses to many of the activities in our resource. The **Comprehension Quiz** (*page 48*) can be used for either a follow-up review or assessment at the completion of the unit.

PICTURE CUES

This resource contains three main types of pages, each with a different purpose and use. A **Picture Cue** at the top of each page shows, at a glance, what the page is for.



Teacher Guide

• Information and tools for the teacher



Student Handout

• Reproducible worksheets and activities

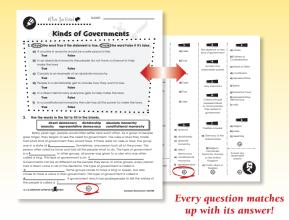


Easy Marking[™] Answer Key

Answers for student activities

EASY MARKING™ ANSWER KEY

Marking students' worksheets is fast and easy with this **Answer Key**. Answers are listed in columns – just line up the column with its corresponding worksheet, as shown, and see how every question matches up with its answer!









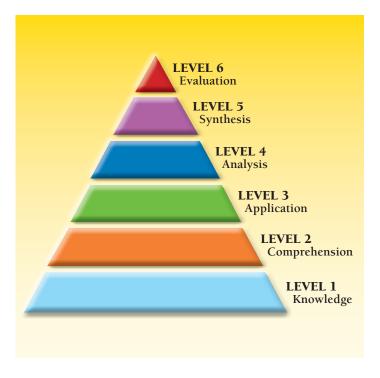
Bloom's Taxonomy

Our resource is an effective tool for any SOCIAL STUDIES PROGRAM.

Bloom's Taxonomy* for Reading Comprehension

The activities in our resource engage and build the full range of thinking skills that are essential for students' reading comprehension and understanding of important social studies concepts. Based on the six levels of thinking in Bloom's Taxonomy, and using language at a remedial level, information and questions are given that challenge students to not only recall what they have read, but move beyond this to understand the text and concepts through higher-order thinking. By using higher-order skills of application, analysis, synthesis and evaluation, students become active readers, drawing more meaning from the text, attaining a greater understanding of concepts, and applying and extending their learning in more sophisticated ways.

Our resource, therefore, is an effective tool for any Social Studies program. Whether it is used in whole or in part, or adapted to meet individual student needs, our resource provides teachers with essential information and questions to ask, inspiring students' interest, creativity, and promoting meaningful learning.



BLOOM'S TAXONOMY: 6 LEVELS OF THINKING

*Bloom's Taxonomy is a widely used tool by educators for classifying learning objectives, and is based on the work of Benjamin Bloom.



Vocabulary





- enforce government defend rights legislate authority power conflicts security consent
- common good dictatorship anarchy absolute monarchy direct democracy constitutional monarchy
 - representative democracy constitution liberty supreme law citizen ratify Confederation
 - legislature popular sovereignty executive legislative judicial prime minister Supreme Court
 - Parliament Senate House of Commons Governor General Cabinet Member of Parliament
 - premier justices committees appointed elected election amendments sponsor debate
 - proclamation propose Royal Assent Lieutenant-Governor Commissioner delegated power
- legislative assemblies federation unicameral Crown secret ballot majority government
 - minority government political parties nominate campaign vote senator



NAME:	

1. Put the correct word in each blank. Use the information in each sentence or a dictionary to help you.

reading sponsor majority debate committee bill amendments royal assent proclamation 48 hours propose

A is a suggestion for a law.
The person who introduces the bill is called its
The first of the bill happens as soon as the bill is introduced.
After they are introduced, all bills go to a, or smaller group of legislators to be studied and discussed.
means the same thing as "introduce".
The sponsor of a bill must give notice before the bill can be introduced.
means "to discuss".
A of votes means "more than half of the total number" of votes.
are any changes added to a bill.
is the last stage a bill goes through before it becomes a law.
A is an official public announcement.
ter a bill has been approved by Parliament, it must be signed by the Queen's oresentative to the Canadian government. What is the title of the person who signs a bills into laws?







embers of Parliament (MPs) spend most of their time making laws. When an MP has an idea for a new law, he or she first schedules a time to **propose**, or introduce the **bill** (legislation that is not yet a law) to the other members of Parliament. This appointment must be made at least 48 hours in advance.

All new bills are first proposed in the House of Commons. During the **first reading** each member of the House of Commons gets a copy of the bill to study. Also, during this time, members vote for the **second reading** of the bill.

The second reading of the bill gives the members a chance to **debate** or discuss the bill. When they finish, the bill is sent to **committee** for more study. While a bill is in committee it may have **amendments** added to it. An amendment is any kind of change or addition made to the bill. Finally, the members are asked to vote whether or not the bill should be studied more and read for a third time. If the **majority** (more than half of the total number) of members vote "yes", the bill is sent for more debate and the third vote. If there is not a majority of "yes" votes, the bill is withdrawn.

The **third reading** is the last stage a bill goes through in the House of Commons. The members must decide whether the bill should be adopted as a law. Another vote is taken during the third reading. If the majority votes that the bill should become a law, it is sent to the Senate. There, the bill also goes through a process of three readings and three votes.

If the bill wins a majority in all three votes in the Senate, it is ready to be sent to the Governor General. The **Governor General** decides that the bill is ready for **adoption** (acceptance) and gives it the **Royal Assent**. This means that the Governor General, who is the Queen's representative, agrees that the bill should become a law. Then the Governor General signs the bill into law. Finally, once a bill has been given Royal Assent, it becomes law.

NAME:	

1. Fill in each blank with a word from the list.

sponsor propose bill amendments first reading debate committee majority Royal Assent
Governor General House of Commons

Anyone can have an idea for	a new law or	, but a member of
Parliament has to	it. The membe	er of Parliament who introduces
the bill is called itsc		
introduced to the group. This introdu	uction is called the bil	l's
From there, the bill goes to a smaller	group of people call	
for discussion andf		
E	ach time a bill is read	, it must pass by a
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Canada is thej	When a	bill is ready to be adopted as a
law, the Governor General gives it th	nek	
2. Become a Research Detective! Use the Internet to find out the sin the House of Commons. Write and who the sponsor(s) is. (Hint:	e a complete sentenc	_





	Number the events from 1 to 6 in the order they occur.
	a) The Governor General approves the bill and gives it the Royal Assent.
	— b) The bill goes to a smaller group, called a committee, for discussion and debate.
	c) A bill is introduced by an MP who sponsors it.
	d) The bill is named and read to the entire group which is its first reading.
	e) Amendments may be added while the bill is in committee.
	f) The bill has its second reading.
<u>~</u>	Answer each question with a complete sentence.
4.	Why do you think the law-making process requires so much debate and discussion ? (Hint: remember that this is a democracy where people's opinions matter greatly.)
5.	Do you think that the law-making process is a very quick one? Why or why not?
6.	What can a voter do if he or she doesn't approve of a bill that is being debated in Parliament?
7.	Does the prime minister have more power than the members of Parliament in the law-making process? Why or why not?



Here are five writing tasks about the Canadian government. Be sure to think about all that you have learned about the Canadian government as you write. Write your answers in complete sentences in your notebook.

Task #1

Every country on Earth has some kind of government even though all governments are not alike. Organize your thoughts and knowledge about government and discuss the purpose(s) of government. In Canada's system of government, who or what are most important?

Task #2

On July 1, 1867, Canada became a new nation. The Fathers of Confederation wrote the Constitution Act of 1867 to describe the kind of government the new country would have. They also wrote about the rights that Canadian citizens would have. Suppose you had the responsibility of writing a constitution for a new country. What items would you make sure to include? Describe how you would address the rights of the citizens; the manner in which laws would be made; and how the leaders of government would be selected.

Tagk #3 Canadians share common responsibilities, too. Why do you think that it's important that Canadians should:

- understand and obey Canadian laws?
- participate in Canada's democratic political system?
- vote in elections?
- allow other Canadians to enjoy their rights and freedoms?

Task #4

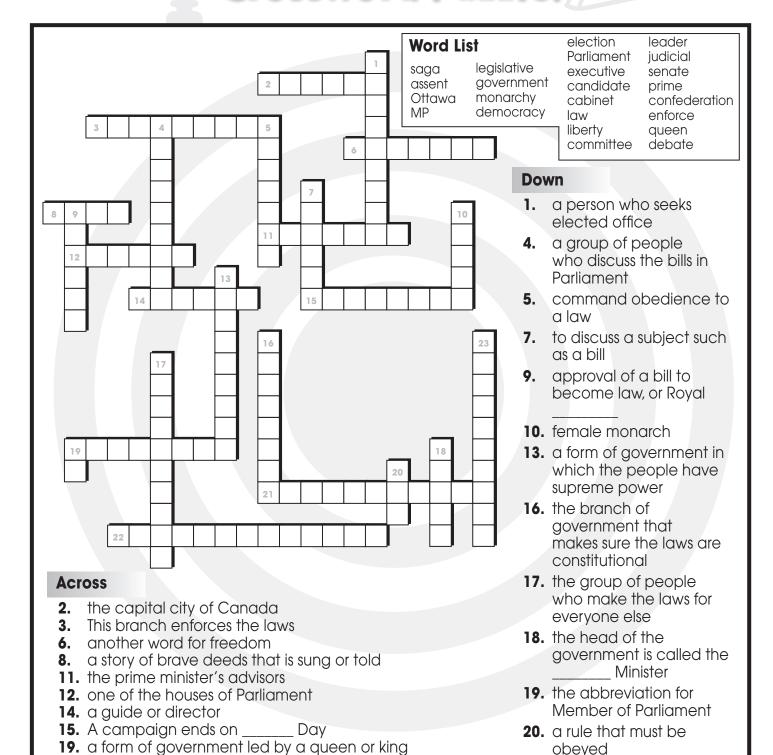
The federal government has many important jobs. It is in charge of employment for all Canadian citizens, national defense (the military), the post office system, and other important departments. Your task is to choose one of these departments and do some research about it. Collect as many facts about it as you can. Present your information as a Bulletin board display or a PowerPoint presentation. Then share your project with your classmates.

Tagk #5 All countries have problems which must be solved. Some of these problems are so serious that they are present in most governments; for example, child poverty. If you were the Prime Minister of Canada which three problems would you try to solve and what would you do to solve them?





Crossword Puzzle!



22. Fathers of

21. the branch of government that makes laws

23. the legislative body of

Canadian government





Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

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freedom	candidate	debate	power
: committee	amendment	rights	democracy
federation	parliament	Cartier	election
campaign	Ottawa	government	politics
anarchy	bill	executive	enforce
cabinet	leader	vote	constitution
legislature	monarch	prime minister	House of Commons

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Comprehension Quiz

Part A



Circle the word True if the statement is true. Circle the word False if it's false. If the statement is false, rewrite it to make it true.

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. ^	wrong. True	False	
9.	•	who wishes	to hold public office should have a good sense of right and
	True	False	
3_	•		the only branch of the federal government in which the people or its members.
	True	False	
' -	In a count governme		ular sovereignty the citizens do not hold the highest power in the
•	In Canado True	a, federal el False	ections are held every three years.
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.			anada is the supreme law of the country.
	True	False	
١.		incial gove tion for its c	nment is in charge of healthcare, education, welfare and itizens.
}_	Canada is	a constitut False	ional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy.
2.	For some of True	countries, a False	narchy is a good type of government to have.
	True	False	
•	a country.	nent is the p	person or group of people who make the rules for everyone else in

Comprehension Quiz



Part B

Answer each question in complete sentences.

Name	e each branch of the federal government and tell what each one does.
What	form(s) of government is the best for its citizens and why?
Discus	ss three of the duties of the federal government of Canada.
("Mind	is some of the problems that might occur if a minority government is elected. brity" means that there are more seats in the House of Commons held by pers of other parties than those held by the party of the prime minister.)

SUBTOTAL: /16





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1. True

Executive - makes sure the laws conform to the Judicial - makes sure 2. Legislative - makes laws for the country constitution

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Word Search Answers

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6. False – Every four years

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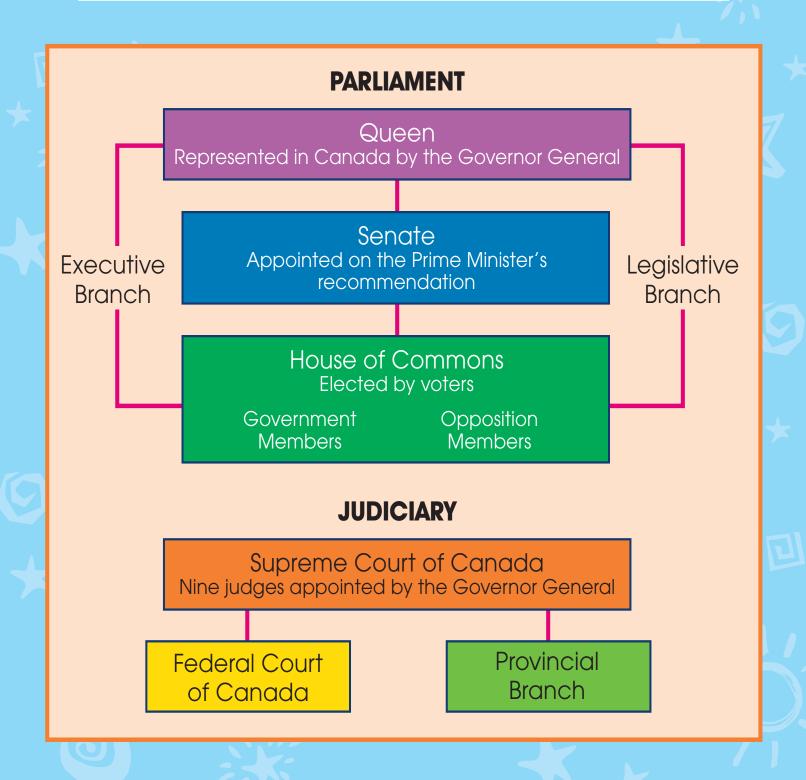
10. True

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Three Branches of the Federal Government



Canada's Major Political Parties





The Bloc Quebecois



The New Democratic Party



The Liberal Party



The Green Party

Canadian Parliament Senate Throne



Queen's Park



The House of Commons



The Parliament Buildings

