

Critical Thinking Skills

Canadian Government

Skills For Critical Thinking	Reading Comprehension								
	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8	Writing Tasks
LEVEL 1 Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List Facts / Details Recall Information Match Sequence Recognize Validity (T/F) 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare & Contrast Summarize State Main Idea Describe 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 3 Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply What Is Learned Infer Outcomes 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw Conclusions Make Inferences Identify Cause & Effect 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 5 Synthesis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predict Design Create Compile Research 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defend An Opinion Make Judgements 	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



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.

Task #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.

Task #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?

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Comprehension Quiz



Part A

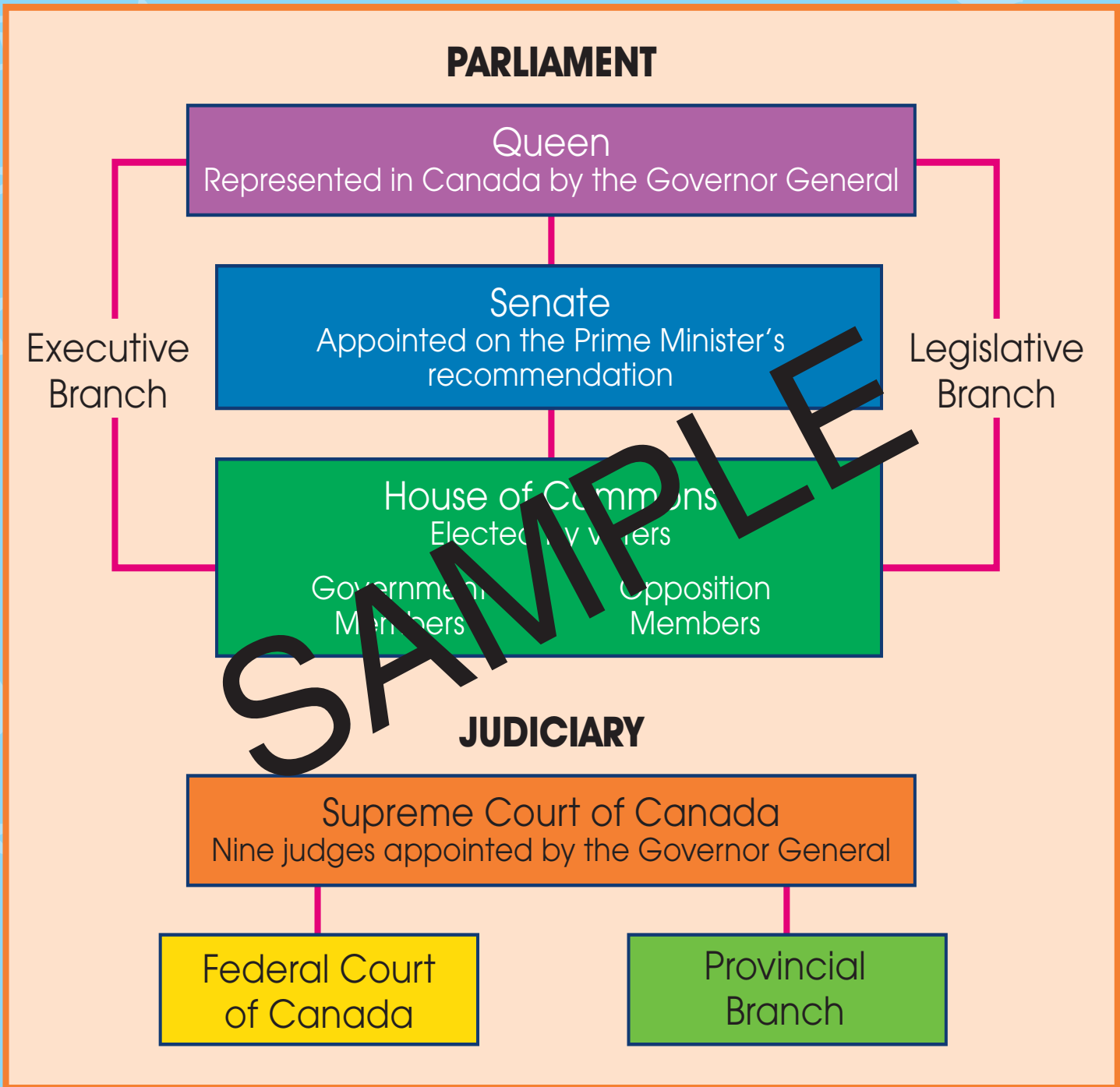
Circle the word **True** if the statement is true. **Circle** the word **False** if it's false. If the statement is false, rewrite it to make it true.

1. A government is the person or group of people who make the rules for everyone else in a country.
True **False** _____
2. For some countries, anarchy is a good type of government to have.
True **False** _____
3. Canada is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy.
True **False** _____
4. Each provincial government is in charge of health care, education, welfare and transportation for its citizens.
True **False** _____
5. The Constitution of Canada is the supreme law of the country.
True **False** _____
6. In Canada, federal elections are held every three years.
True **False** _____
7. In a country with popular sovereignty the citizens do not hold the highest power in the government.
True **False** _____
8. The Supreme Court is the only branch of the federal government in which the people cannot directly vote for its members.
True **False** _____
9. A person who wishes to hold public office should have a good sense of right and wrong.
True **False** _____
10. Territorial governments get their power from the federal government of Canada while provincial governments get their power from the Crown.
True **False** _____

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SUBTOTAL: /10

Three Branches of the Federal Government



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