How Canadian Government Works Video

There are several “Big Ideas” about Canadian Government which are explained in this video presentation which has been designed and presented to an audience of potential “New Canadians” preparing for their Citizenship Exam.

1. DEMOCRACY
2. What is democracy and how does it work in Canada?
3. Describe how Canada was governed before we became a democracy.
4. How did Canadians change this system into our current Democracy?
5. FEDERAL STATE

There are three levels of Government in Canada – name each and the areas each is designed to govern.

1. CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY
2. What is a Monarchy?
3. Explain how a Constitutional Monarchy differs from a Monarchy.
4. PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM
5. From which country did Canada inherit the Parlamentary System?
6. Explain the role of Parliament in Canadian Government.
7. RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Explain how Responsible Government controls the powers of Canadian policians.

1. CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

What is the Constitution of Canada and why is it such an important document?

1. THE QUEEN OF CANADA
2. Queen Elizabeth II has been Queen of Canada since 1956.

What are two titles she holds in Canada?

1. Why is the Queen an important symbol to Canadians?
2. The Queen is also the monarch of several other nations that were former colonies of Great Britain. Name three other nations she is recognized symbolically.
3. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
   1. What is the role of the Governor General in Canada?
   2. Who is the current Governor General of Canada and what achievements earned her this role?
   3. What are three duties of the Governor Gerneral?
4. **POLITICAL PARTIES IN CANADA**
   1. Match the Five Major Parties that are currently part of Federal Government, their leaders and color using the word bank below.

Word Bank

Liberal Party, New Democratic Party (NDP), Conservative Party

Bloc Quebecois, Green

Andrew Sheer, Jagmeet Singh, Elizabeth May, Justin Trudeau,  Martine Ouellet

Red, Blue, Green, Orange, Light Blue.

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| Party Name | Leader | Color | Belief Summary |
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**The Parliament of Canada** consists of two parts :

House of Commons – elected for 4 years max

Senate - appointed by Prime Minister until age 75

1. **HOUSE OF COMMONS**
   1. How many elected Members of Parliament (MP’s)have seats in the House of Commons?
   2. Which political party formed the government following the 2015 election?
   3. How is the Prime Minister of Canada chosen?
2. **TYPES OF GOVERNMENT** 
   1. There are two types Governments in Canada - Majority or Minority

Describe each noting the difference and explain which is the favored and most common type.

* 1. Why is it important for a government to “maintain the confidence” of the House of Commons?

1. **RECENT PAST PRIME MINISTERS**

Name the four Past Prime Ministers who have had the longest rule noting the years and party.