



Activity sheet 2

Who Does What?

Did you know?

In Canada, the head of State and the head of government are distinct, and so are their responsibilities. Knowing who does what will help you to better understand the role played by The Queen, the governor general and the prime minister.

The Queen and the governor general act on the advice of the prime minister. The governor general ensures there is always a responsible government in place.

Instructions

Below are a few examples of responsibilities. In your opinion, which are The Queen's responsibilities? Which are the governor general's? And which are the prime minister's (alone or with other ministers and parliamentarians)? Write your answers in the column on the right.

1. I am the head of State.

2. I am the head of government (I govern).

3. I represent Canada abroad (at the request of the prime minister).

4. I negotiate trade agreements with other countries.

5. I approve the creation of new honours.

6. I dissolve or prorogue Parliament.

7. I preside over the swearing-in of ministers and judges.

8. I defend the government's policies in the House. _____
9. I am the head of the Canadian Heraldic Authority. _____
10. I am the commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces. _____
11. I draft bills. _____
12. I appoint the governor general. _____
13. I give Royal Assent to bills. _____
14. I manage the country's finances. _____
15. I grant Canadian honours. _____
16. I recommend the appointment of the governor general. _____
17. I write the Speech from the Throne (which the governor general will read). _____
18. I lend my apolitical support to socio-cultural causes. _____

