



Activity sheet 4

Governors General Past and Present

Who am I?

The answers can be found under the "History / Former Governors General" tab on the www.gg.ca site.

1. I established the Governor General's Academic Medals, which are among the oldest awards still handed out today.

2. I was the first woman to be appointed governor general.

3. My famous mystery novel, *Thirty-Nine Steps*, was made into a movie in 1935.

4. I am Queen Victoria's son.

5. I was the first governor general who was born in Canada.

6. An avid sportsman and athlete, I supported the ParticipACTION program.

7. I was the first Canadian governor general who came to Canada as a refugee.

8. Following the *Statute of Westminster, 1931*, I was the first governor general to represent the Crown and act on the advice of Canadian ministers.

9. I refused to sign the Order-in-Council seeking the dissolution of Parliament presented to me by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

10. I was made an honorary chief of the Kwakiutl, the first white man to be so honoured. I received a totem pole on the occasion, and it still stands on the front lawn at Rideau Hall.

11. I promoted the equality of women and the protection of the environment, and I established the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case.

12. I donated a cup in my name that has become one of the most famous trophies in hockey.

13. I hosted Prime Minister Mackenzie King, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and American President Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Citadelle during the Quebec Conferences.

14. I am an Acadian, and I began my career as a teacher.

15. I helped to stabilize Canada and to build Confederation.

16. During a visit to Cape Breton, I met the inventor of the telephone, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, a fellow Scotsman.

17. I was the first Francophone governor general.

18. I established the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards and hosted a series of summer concerts at Rideau Hall.

19. I was only 33 when I was appointed governor general; I am still the youngest governor general to date.

20. The motto of my personal coat of arms is *Briser les solitudes*, which means "Breaking down solitudes."

