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**Social Studies 11 Unit 2 Canadian Eh? Politics & Gov't**

## **2D: The Operation of Government**

**Reference: Counterpoints p. 304-312**

**Video Title: Government in Canada**

This can be interesting when  
parliament is in session:

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*Prime Minister during  
question period in  
House of Commons*

### **Questions**

1. Powers of Government (p. 304 & keynote) how is our parliamentary system set up?

2. What are some of the functions of government? (p. 305)

3. How do the government processes work? (p. 305-307, keynote), stick to main ideas and define key terms

4. What are the steps in the passage of legislation? (p. 308)

5. What are the differences between federal and provincial legislatures? (p. 308, keynote)

Federal Government	Provincial Government
Governor General	
Senate	
House of Commons	
Prime Minister	
Cabinet	
Member of Parliament (MP)	

6. What are some specific areas of interest to provincial governments (keynote)?

7. What are some other levels of government and what do they do? (keynote)

8. Explain party loyalty and party discipline (p. 309)

9. Explain free votes and private member's bills (p. 309)

10. What are some advantages and disadvantages to minority governments? (p. 310) Make a +/- chart.

11. Define/explain coalition, prorogue, dissolution (p. 310-311)

**Trivia... can you figure these out?:**

1. Who is the current Governor General? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name given to the part of the constitution setting out how changes can be made?  
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3. How many provinces have to agree to a change to the constitution? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name the country from which our unwritten constitution originated. \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the name of powers not mentioned in the constitution? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name the body that makes decision regarding federal-provincial disputes. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What is another name for the House of Commons? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is maximum years between elections? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who can decide to call an election before the maximum number of years? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who elects the Speaker of the House? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is a meeting made up of elected member of a party called? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who calls the actual elections? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What is the term for cabinet members agreeing publicly with cabinet decisions (not disagreeing in public)? \_\_\_\_\_
14. What is the name of the permanent employees who perform the ongoing business of government? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Who chooses the Cabinet? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What name is given to the person who ensures that all members are present to support party bills and vote in the House of Commons? \_\_\_\_\_
17. Where do most bills originate? \_\_\_\_\_
18. How many readings in the House of Commons? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What do they call the Legislature in Ontario? \_\_\_\_\_
20. What do they call the Legislature in Quebec? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What is the provincial equivalent of the Governor General? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What is another name for an alderman? \_\_\_\_\_
23. What is the aboriginal equivalent of municipal council? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Which government is responsible for education? \_\_\_\_\_
25. Which group of the population will require the most health care services? \_\_\_\_\_
26. What is the name of the medical system that has private and public medical care?  
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27. What is the name given to the leader of aboriginal local government? \_\_\_\_\_