



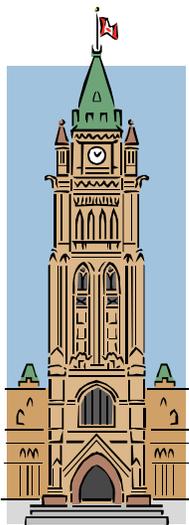
**Constitutional monarchy:** A monarchy whose ruler is only entitled to the powers given to him or her by a nation through its constitution and laws. Often, the monarch fulfills more traditional and ceremonial duties. In Canada, the *Governor General* represents the monarch in official acts of the federal government, and the *Lieutenant-Governors* represent the Monarch in official acts of the provincial governments.

**Federalism:** This is a political system where there is more than one level of government. The responsibilities of the federal and provincial governments in Canada are outlined in the *Constitution*. The federal government is responsible for policies that affect the country as a whole, such as defence, foreign relations, and money, among others. Provincial governments are responsible for making laws and decisions that affect provinces.



**Executive Branch:** This is the "decision-making" part of government. It rules according to the laws passed by Parliament. In Canada, the Executive Branch is made up of the *Governor General*, the *Prime Minister*, the *Cabinet*, and the administration, (e.g., all government departments, the armed forces, Crown corporations, and others).

**Judiciary or Judicial Branch:** This is the branch of government that administers justice through its courts and judges. Even though the Canadian judiciary is appointed and paid by the Executive Branch of government, it remains an equal and independent branch of government.



**Legislative Branch:** This is the branch of government that has the power and responsibility to create laws. In Canada, it is called *Parliament*, and comprises the *Governor General* (representing the Monarch), the *House of Commons*, and the *Senate*.

**Parliamentary system:** (from the French "parlement") This is government based on the British system, where proposed laws are discussed in two Chambers becoming official by Royal Assent. In Canada, these two Chambers are the *House of Commons* and the *Senate*. The *Governor General* represents the Monarch.

Concept Overview of \_\_\_\_\_

<p>Draw a figurative representation.</p>	<p>Write an explanation or definition in your own words.</p>
<p>Essential characteristics:</p>	<p>Non-essential characteristics:</p>
<p>Create an analogy. _____ is like ....</p>	<p>Explain its importance to Canada.</p>
<p>Write down two questions about the concept.</p>	