



Canada's Three Levels of Government





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In Canada there are three different levels of government, and each level is responsible for different things.

The **federal government** makes decisions and is responsible for matters that involve all Canadians.

Each province or territory has a **provincial government** that is responsible for certain things that only affect people living in that province.

Municipalities (towns, cities, etc.) have their own **municipal governments** that are responsible for matters that are important to the citizens of each community.

Each level of government is responsible for different things:

| Federal (Prime Minister) | Provincial & Territorial (Premier) | Municipal (Mayor/Reeve) |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Immigration | Education | Local Roads |
| National Parks | Health care | Snow removal |
| Armed Forces | Provincial Parks | Public libraries |
| Canada Post | Provincial Police | City parks |
| Forestry | Driver's Licenses | Local Police & Fire Department |
| Income Tax | Birth, death & marriage certificates | Public Transportation |
| Fisheries | Highways | Recycling |

Public Servants & Officials

Public servants are people who are hired to work for the government in a particular department. They are also called **civil servants**. A civil servant is paid by the particular level of government that employs him or her. For example, teachers are paid by their provincial or territorial government, because education is the responsibility of each province or territory.

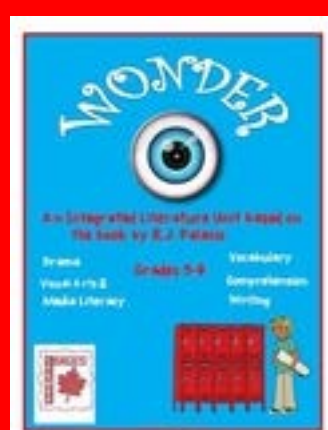
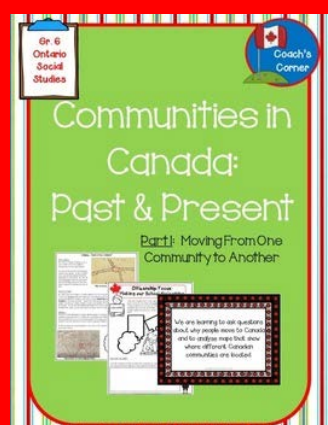
Public officials are people that have been elected by their citizens to represent them in government. Some examples of public officials are:

- Prime Minister (head of the federal government)
 - *Members of Parliament* (M.P.'s) are elected representatives of each area of the country to work with the Prime Minister
- Premier (head of a provincial or territorial government)
 - *Members of Provincial Parliament* (M.P.P.'s) are elected representatives of each area of the province to work with the Premier
- Mayor/Reeve (head of a municipality)
 - *Councilors* are elected representatives of each area of a municipality to work with the mayor or reeve.

Complete the chart below as you discover who the following public officials are in your area:

| | Federal | Provincial | Municipal |
|-------|----------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Head | Prime Minister: | Premier: | Mayor or Reeve: |
| Local | Member of Parliament (MP): | Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP): | Councilor: |

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