



Educational Resources

MODEL PARLIAMENT UNIT – BACKGROUND LESSON: WHO'S WHO IN PARLIAMENT?

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Instructions

Fill in the blanks with the title of the person who fits the description. Use the role descriptions if necessary.

1. I am the head of a group that carefully examines bills and other matters. During our meetings, I must ensure fairness, keep parliamentarians on track and keep order. I must also report back to the House on the work of the group.

Who am I? _____

2. I am an MP who has been chosen by the Prime Minister to be part of his Cabinet. Therefore, in addition to the regular duties of an MP, I have the added responsibility of heading a government department. My busy schedule includes attending Cabinet meetings where we make key government decisions. We also talk about starting up bills we would like to see made into law.

Who am I? _____

3. I am the elected leader of the Canadian people. I select Cabinet Ministers from among my party MPs to head the various government departments. I meet with the leaders of other countries to discuss international matters.

Who am I? _____

4. I am an advisor to the Speaker of the Senate and the Senators, keeper of all Senate documents and supervisor of all Senate staff. I wear a traditional black gown.

Who am I? _____

5. I am guardian of the Mace. I play a ceremonial role in the Commons and my duties are centred on the security of parliamentarians and visitors while they are within the parliamentary precincts.

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6. I preside over the sittings of the Senate, read the motions and put forward the questions to which the Senate must respond with a vote. It is important that I enforce all of the Senate rules. I represent the Senate in Canada and abroad.

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7. I am responsible for presiding over the sittings of the Commons. It is sometimes difficult - especially during heated discussions - but I must be fair and impartial and maintain order at all times. I also hear points of order and questions of privilege, make rulings based on precedent and practice, and represent the House of Commons in Canada and abroad.

Who am I? _____

8. I was elected by the people in my riding to hold a seat in the House of Commons. I spend much of my time on Parliament Hill. Also, much of my time is devoted to dealing with the concerns and problems of my constituents. Because of this I regularly return to my riding to keep in close contact.

Who am I? _____

9. Although my party did not win enough seats in the last general election to form the Government, we did win the second largest number of seats. As party leader, I meet with my caucus to discuss strategy and alternatives to government policies, speak daily in the House of Commons, and provide Canadians with an alternative to the present Government.

Who am I? _____

10. I was chosen by the Prime Minister to serve in the "Upper House" of Parliament. After bills have passed through the House of Commons, they must be sent to our House for approval. It can also work the other way around. Bills may be started in our House, but must later go to the House of Commons for approval.

Who am I? _____