Canada – Government and Economics

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When did Canada establish its own constitution?

* 1982

What is a constitutional monarchy?

- * This means that Canada has its own constitution, but its head of state is the monarch of Great Britain.
- * What is a monarch?
 - * King or Queen

Who is the head of state in Canada?

* The Queen of England

Who is the head of state in the United States?

* President Obama

Who is the head of state in Great Britain?

* The Queen of England

What is the governor-general position?

- The representative of the monarch in Canada
- * This position is ceremonial and has very little power

Canada is also a _____ democracy.

* Parliamentary

What are the 3 parts of Parliament?

- * The Monarch
- * The Senate
- * The House of Commons

Which group is the legislative branch?

- * The three portions of Parliament
 - * The monarch
 - * The Senate
 - The House of Commons

Which group is the executive branch?

- * The Prime Minister
- * The Cabinet
- * The Monarch
 - This branch enforces the laws

Which group is the judicial branch?

- * The Supreme Court of Canada
 - * Nine judges appointed by the Governor General

How is the Prime Minister chosen?

* The majority party in Parliament forms a government headed by the prime minister they have chosen.

Which form of citizen participation does Canada have?

* Parliamentary Democracy

Canada is also a Federation

* It is made up of ten provinces and three territories.

Which form of government organization does Canada have?

* Federal

How is Canada similar to the United States?

- * Citizens over the age of 18 have the right to vote.
- * Citizens have freedoms such as religion, press, fair trail and equal gender and race rights.

Is Canada's government organization the same as Mexico and Brazil?

* Yes, each of these countries has a federal government.

Is Canada's citizen participation the same as Mexico and Brazil?

* No, Mexico and Brazil have a presidential democracy.

How does Canada compare to Cuba?

* Canada gives citizens a great deal more freedom than Cuba gives.

Which form of economic system do you think Canada has?

* Market ©

Economic System

* Market

Natural Resources

* iron ore, nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead

Arable Land

- * 0.05 %
- * 96% is uninhabitable

Industries

- * Manufacturing
- * Natural Resources
- * Service Industries

Literacy Rate

- * 99%
- * Based on this, do you think that Canada invest in human capital?
 - * Yes! Canada pays for primary and secondary education and some college.

Unemployment Rate

* 7%

* United States – 7.7%

Poverty Rate

* 10.8%

* United States – 16%

GDP

- * 1.74 TRILLION US dollars
- * United States 15.9 TRILLION

GDP per capita

* \$45,100

* United States - \$ 46700

What are Canada's major exports?

- Petroleum products
- Passenger vehicles (cars & vans)
- * Car parts & accessories
- * Aluminum products
- * Lumber

What are Canada's major imports?

- * Machinery and equipment
- * Motor vehicles and parts
- * Electronics
- * Chemicals

Which country is Canada's top trading partner for imports/exports?

* United States

What are some of Canada's economic problems?

- * An aging workforce = more people in retirement
- * Property prices are decreasing