

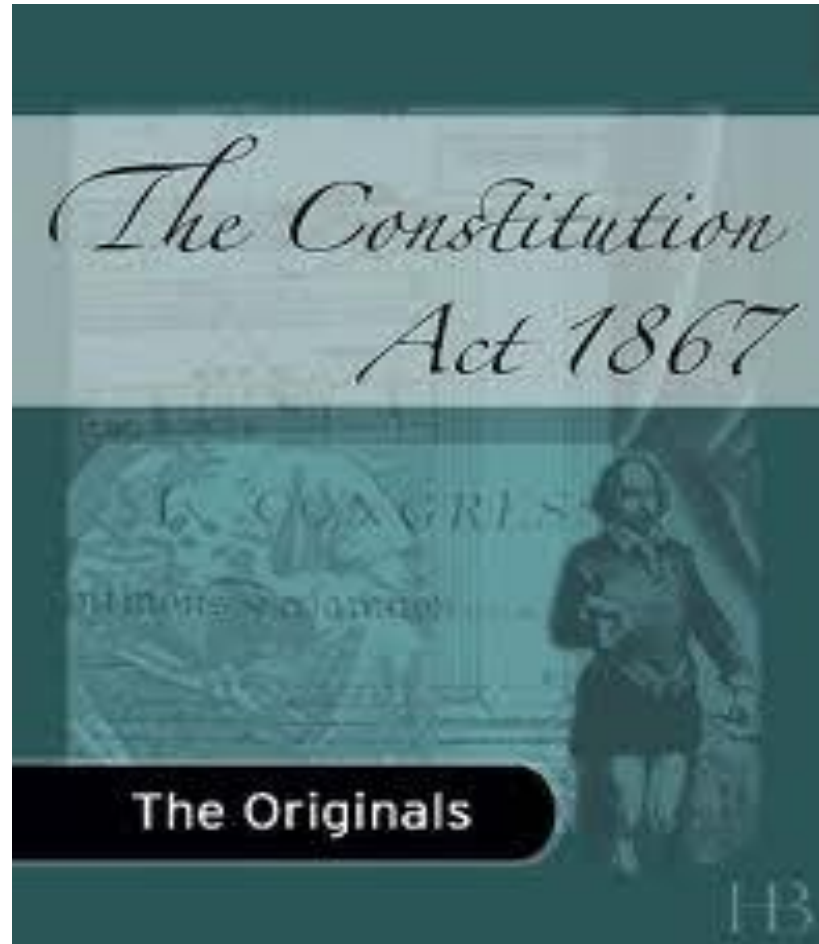
CANADA'S GOVERNMENT

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CONSTITUTION ACT OF 1867

- ◉ The Constitution Act of 1867 was the first PLAN of government for the nation of Canada.
- ◉ It is the plan that would describe what KIND of government Canada would have.



CONSTITUTION ACT OF 1867

- This act described what DUTIES would belong to the federal government and which would belong to the provincial and territorial governments



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- ◉ It also said that all Canadians had complete **FREEDOM**.
- ◉ The men who wrote this act are called the **FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION**.

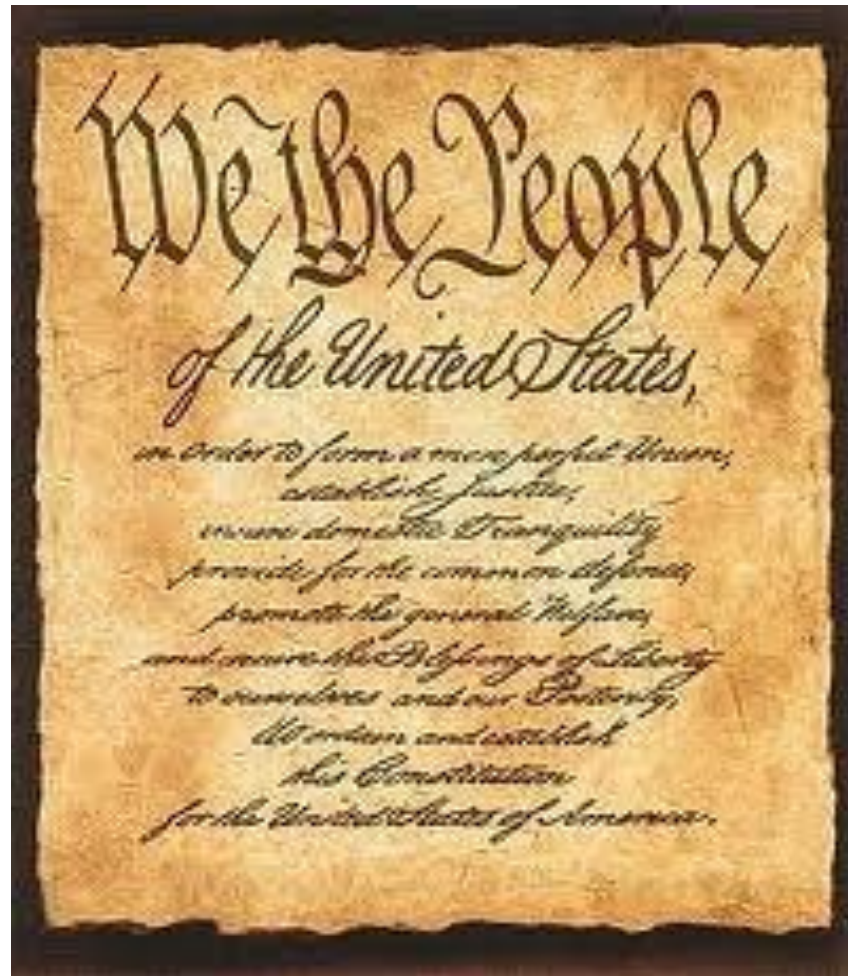
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- ⦿ And finally, it is known as the Supreme Law of Canada and includes some 30 acts and orders.



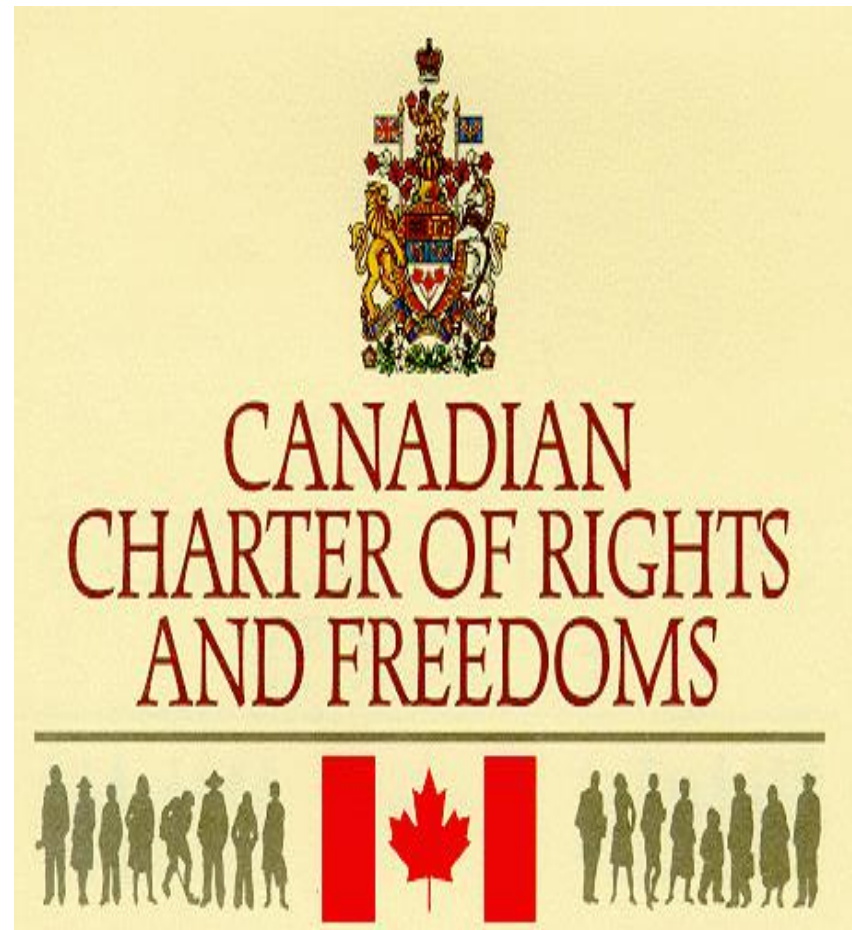
THE USA AND CANADA

- ⦿ What are some SIMILARITIES you see between Canada's Constitution Act of 1867 and the United State's Constitution?



CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

- ◉ This is a very important part of the Canadian Constitution.
- ◉ It explains the RIGHTS of each Canadian citizen.



CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

◉ These rights include...

- Freedom of choice and religion
- Freedom of speech, expression and thought
- The freedom to meet peacefully with other people
- The right to vote
- The right to be treated equally by the government regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic origin or mental or physical disability

THE USA AND CANADA

- ① What are some SIMILARITIES you see between Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the United State's Bill of Rights?



WHAT TYPE OF GOVERNMENT DOES CANADA HAVE?

- ◉ Canada is a constitutional monarchy.
- ◉ That means they recognize the Queen/King as the Head of State, but the Prime Minister is the Head of Government.



THE THREE BRANCHES



- Like the USA, Canada's government is divided into three branches:
 - The Executive Branch
 - The Legislative Branch
 - The Judicial Branch

THE THREE BRANCHES

- ◉ The Constitution Act of 1867 describes the duties that each branch has.
- ◉ Each branch must follow the Constitution at all times.



THE THREE BRANCHES

- ◉ The headquarters for each branch is in Ottawa, Ontario which is Canada's national capital.
- ◉ Where is the headquarters for the government of the USA?



THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- ◉ This branch makes sure the laws are **OBEYED**.
- ◉ The head of this branch is the Prime Minister, who has a Cabinet to assist him/her.
- ◉ Stephen Harper is Canada's Prime Minister today.



THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- ◉ The head of Canadian government is the Prime Minister.
- ◉ Who is the head of government in the USA?



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

- ◉ Canada's Monarch (king or queen) is also Monarch of 15 other nations.
- ◉ Canada's Monarch, with the advice of the Prime Minister, appoints someone to represent the Monarch in Canada.
- ◉ This is the Governor General.



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

GENERAL

- ◉ The Governor General serves as the Commander in Chief of the Canadian Armed Forces.
- ◉ The Governor General also celebrates excellence by giving awards to outstanding Canadians.
- ◉ They also host foreign leaders and visit foreign countries at the request of the Prime Minister.



THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH



- ◉ This branch is in charge of making laws.
- ◉ It is known as Parliament, the equivalent of Congress in the USA.



THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- ⦿ Parliament is made up of the House of Commons and the Senate.



THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

◎ The Senate...

- Is the UPPER house.
- Numbers are based on Canada's population.
- The Prime Minister selects senators. Since they are not elected, they have little power.



THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- ◉ The House of Commons...
 - Is the LOWER house and is the most important part of the Legislative Branch.
 - The members are known as Members of Parliament (MP's) and their job is to make and pass laws.



THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

- ⦿ This branch interprets the laws and determines whether or not they are constitutional.



THE JUDICIAL BRANCH



- The highest court in this branch is the Supreme Court, made up of 9 justices.
- These justices are appointed by the Governor General.
- Who appoints the justices in the US Supreme Court?