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## Social Studies

### Branches of Government



#### **Structure of the Government of The Bahamas**

The Constitution of the Bahamas is based on the Westminster Model; Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, The Executive Branch, The Legislative Branch, and Judicial Branch.

As a member of the Commonwealth of Nations The Bahamas recognizes Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II as Head of State. The Governor-General is Her Majesty's representative in The Bahamas and constitutes a symbol of the nation's unity.

The Cabinet constitutes the executive branch and has general direction and control of the Government of The Bahamas. It is necessary for the Cabinet to comprise at least nine Ministers inclusive of the Prime Minister and Attorney General.

Parliament constitutes the Legislative branch of The Bahamas, which consist of a Senate and a House of Assembly. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Parliament may make laws for the peace, order and good government of The Bahamas.

Judicial Authority is vested in the Judicature which comprises the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal with such jurisdiction, powers and authority as may be conferred on these Courts respectively by the Constitution or any other law.

**Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer. [1 each]**

1. The type of government in The Bahamas is \_\_\_\_\_.

Democracy

Republic

Monarchy

2. Leaders in a democratic country are \_\_\_\_\_.

called

elected

appointed

3. \_\_\_\_\_ votes for the leaders in government.

Doctors

Ministers

Citizens

4. There are \_\_\_\_\_ branches of government in The Bahamas.

five

three

two

5. Elections are held every \_\_\_\_\_ years in The Bahamas.

ten

five


seven

6. The Legislative branch writes the \_\_\_\_\_.  
newspapers                      T.V shows                      laws
7. The Executive branch \_\_\_\_\_ the laws.  
enforces                      likes                      writes
8. The Judicial branch make sure that laws follow the \_\_\_\_\_.  
phonebook                      constitution                      newspaper
9. Judges in the Supreme Court are nominated by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Prime Minister                      Governor General                      Senators
10. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Senators in the Senate.  
seventeen                      sixteen                      fifteen
11. The Prime Minister appoints cabinet ministers who are in charge of \_\_\_\_\_.  
parliament                      members                      ministries
12. The leader of the majority party becomes the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Governor General                      Prime Minister                      Senator
13. Members of the Senate are \_\_\_\_\_.  
elected                      judges                      appointed
14. The minority party forms the \_\_\_\_\_.  
government                      cabinet                      opposition
15. Parliamentarians in the House of Assembly are called \_\_\_\_\_.  
Members of Parliament                      Senators                      Ministers

16. Who is the Head of State in The Bahamas?

Members of Parliament    Governor General    Prime Minister

Use the words from the box to label the structure of the Bahamian Government. Be sure to use capital letters for your answers. [1 pt each]



Executive Branch

Prime Minister

Senate

Legislative Branch

Governor General

Judiciary Branch

Cabinet Ministers

Supreme Court

Court of Appeal

Privy Council

House of Assembly

Structure of Bahamian Government

