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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

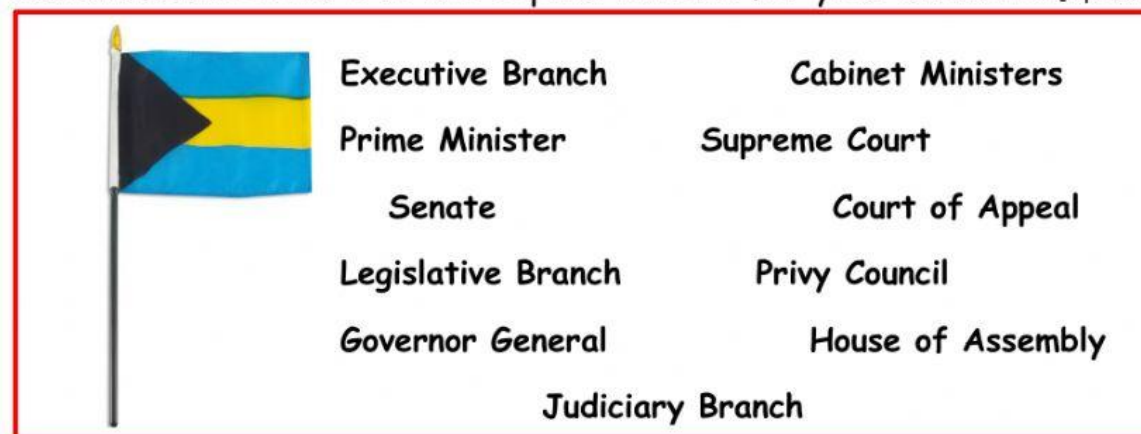
15. Parliamentarians in the House of Assembly are called \_\_\_\_\_.



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]



## Structure of Bahamian Government

