

Subject: Social Studies

Topic: Our Leaders

Notes and Assignment

Governor Generals in The Bahamas

As of 2021, there has been 12 Governor Generals in The Bahamas since independence.

They are:

1. Sir John Warburton Paul
2. Sir Milo Boughton Butler (First Bahamian Governor General)
3. Sir Gerald Cash
4. Sir Henry Milton Taylor
5. Sir Clifford Darling
6. Sir Orville Turnquest
7. Dame Ivy Dumont - First Female Governor General of The Bahamas
8. The Hon. Paul L. Adderley
9. The Hon. Arthur Dion Hanna
10. Sir Arthur Foulkes
11. Dame Marguerite Pindling
12. Sir Cornelius A. Smith

Prime Ministers of The Bahamas

There have been 5 Prime Ministers since independence to date.

1. The Rt. Hon. Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling is the first Bahamian Prime Minister. He served for 5 consecutive terms.
 - One of the longest serving heads of government in the Commonwealth, Sir Lynden served as Prime Minister of The Bahamas for nearly 26 years, during which time he led the country to Independence from Great Britain on July 10, 1973. Additionally, he served as a Member of the House of Assembly for 41 consecutive years. Pindling is known as the "Father of the Nation" and his face is found on the Bahamian dollar bill.
 - Prime Minister Sir Lynden Oscar Pindling served as the first black Premier of the Colony of the Bahama Islands, from 1967 – 1973 and as Prime Minister of the Bahamas, from 1973 – 1992, as leader of the Progressive Liberal Party.
2. The Rt. Hon. Hubert Alexander Ingraham served for 2 terms.

- Hubert Ingraham, in full Hubert Alexander Ingraham, (born August 4, 1947, Pine Ridge, Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas), Bahamian political leader who served 2 terms as prime minister of The Bahamas (1992–2002; 2007–12).
- He joined the Free National Movement (FNM) in 1990 and was the leader of the official opposition from 1990 to 1992. When the FNM won the 1992 elections for the House of Assembly, Ingraham replaced Pindling as prime minister.

3. The Rt. Hon. Perry Gladstone Christie has served 3 terms.

- Perry Gladstone Christie PC, MP (born 21 August 1943) is a Bahamian former politician who served as Prime Minister of the Bahamas from 2002 to 2007 and from 2012 to 2017. He is the second longest-serving Bahamian elected parliamentarian, representing the Centreville constituency from 1977 to 2017.
- His Progressive Liberal Party is the oldest Bahamian political party, holding solid majorities in the Bahamian Parliament several times in its long history.

4. The Rt. Hon. Hubert Alexander Minnis served 1 term.

- Hubert Alexander Minnis, ON is a Bahamian politician and doctor who served as Prime Minister of the Bahamas from May 2017 to 16 September 2021. Minnis is the leader of the Free National Movement, the former governing party, and the Member of Parliament for the New Providence constituency of Killarney.

5. The Rt. Hon. Philip Edward "Brave" Davis is the present Prime Minister of The Bahamas.

- The Right Honorable Philip Edward "Brave" Davis KC MP (born 7 June 1951) is a Bahamian politician serving as the Prime Minister of the Bahamas since 2021. He has been the Member of Parliament (MP) for Cat Island, Rum Cay & San Salvador since May 2002.
- Davis was Deputy Prime Minister to Perry Christie and Minister of Public Works and Urban Development from 2012 to 2017. He then served as Leader of the Opposition from May 2017 to September 2021, when he led the Progressive Liberal Party to victory and was subsequently sworn in as Prime Minister.

Instructions: Read ALL questions carefully. Choose the letter next to the correct answer.

1. Who was the first Bahamian Governor General?
 - a. Sir John Warburton Paul
 - b. Sir Milo Boughton Butler
 - c. Sir Gerald Cash
2. Who was the first female Governor General?
 - a. Dame Ivy Dunmont
 - b. Dame Marguerite Pindling
 - c. Dame Glenys Hanna-Martin
3. What is the name of the current Governor General?
 - a. Sir Arthur Foulkes
 - b. Dame Marguerite Pindling
 - c. Sir Cornelius A. Smith

4. Which Prime Minister served the most terms?

- RT. HON. Philip E. Davis
- RT. HON. Perry G. Christie
- RT. HON. Hubert A. Ingraham
- RT. HON. Sir Lynden O. Pindling
- RT. HON. Hubert Minnis

5. Who is the present Prime Minister of The Bahamas (as of September 2021)?

- RT. HON. Philip E. Davis
- RT. HON. Perry G. Christie
- RT. HON. Hubert A. Ingraham
- RT. HON. Sir Lynden O. Pindling
- RT. HON. Hubert Minnis

6. Which Prime Minister has served 3 terms?

- RT. HON. Philip E. Davis
- RT. HON. Perry G. Christie
- RT. HON. Hubert A. Ingraham
- RT. HON. Sir Lynden O. Pindling
- RT. HON. Hubert Minnis

7. Which of the following statements are NOT TRUE about the RT. HON. Sir Lynden O. Pindling?

- He was the first Bahamian Prime Minister.
- His face is found on the Bahamian dollar bill.
- He served the second longest number of terms.
- He is also known as the “Father of the Nation.”

8. Which of the following statements are NOT TRUE about the RT. HON. Hubert A. Ingraham?

- He has served 2 terms as Prime Minister.
- He served as Prime Minister of The Bahamas from 2002 to 2007 and from 2012 to 2017.
- He joined the Free National Movement in 1990.
- He replaced Pindling as Prime Minister.

9. Which Prime Minister served from May 2017 to September 2021?

- RT. HON. Philip E. Davis
- RT. HON. Perry G. Christie
- RT. HON. Hubert A. Ingraham
- RT. HON. Sir Lynden O. Pindling
- RT. HON. Hubert Minnis

10. When was the last general election held in The Bahamas?

- May 2017
- May 2021
- September 2017

d. September 2021

