Law and Government

Then and Now

Part 1: Roots of Law

- Where Laws Began
- Early Legal Codes
- Why Laws Were Created

Roots of Law

Laws have existed since people began interacting.

Early laws covered hunting, property, family, and responsibilities.

As populations grew and trade expanded, laws became more complex and were eventually written down.

Property rights, slavery, and treatment of women and children were similar across distant civilizations.

Early Legal Systems

Modern Locations

- Code of Hammurabi of Babylon
- Laws of Manu
- Greek Law & Draco's Code
- Haudenosaunee Confederacy
- Haida Social Structure

Post-Research Discussion

Who made the rules or laws?

What influenced the law makers?

Roots of Law

To hand in when complete:

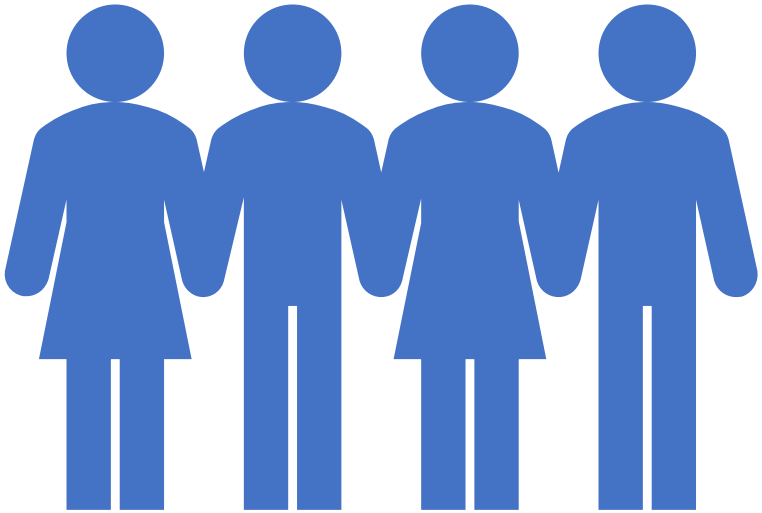
- Vocabulary and Questions
- Comparison chart

Make Your Own Government

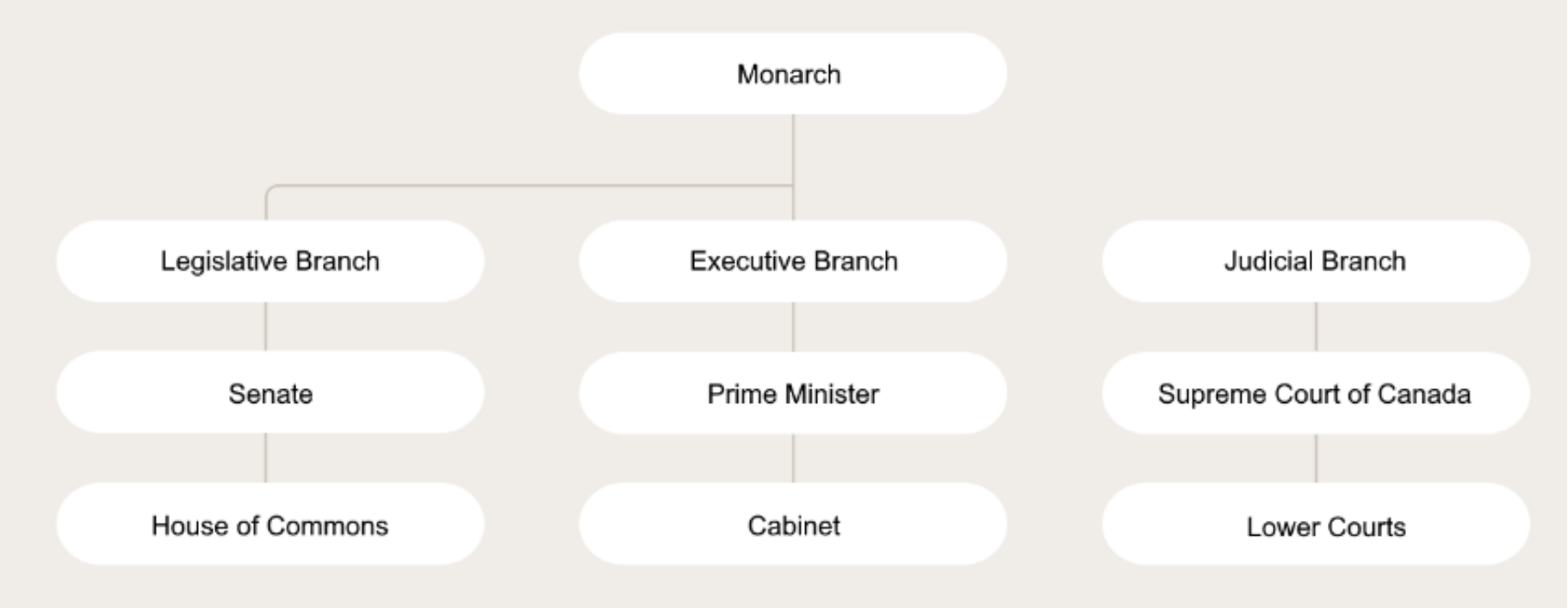
- In this assignment, you'll create your own imaginary community and explain how it works.
- You'll explore the key systems every society needs, including government, spirituality, economy, education, and safety.
- For each part, you will describe the choices you made for your community and explain why you made them.
- By the end, you will have a clear picture of how your community is organized and what values guide it.

Part 2: Colonial Legal System

- Canada's Government Structure
- Levels of Government
- Who Does What?



Canada's Colonial Government Structure



Colonial Government Levels

Federal

Leader: Prime Minister

Canada

- Governor General
- Cabinet Ministers
- Members of Parliament
- Senate

Provincial

Leader: Premier

British Columbia

- Lieutenant Governor
- Cabinet Ministers
- Members of Legislative Assembly

Municipal

Leader: Mayor

Vancouver

- City Councilors
- Board Members

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EXPLAINS
THE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Match the responsibilities

What is it the responsibility of the federal, provincial, or municipal/local government?

- Hospitals and healthcare
- Water supply and treatment
- National defence
- Education
- Citizenship and passports
- Foreign affairs and international trade
- Drivers' licensing and highways
- Natural resources
- Fire protection
- Criminal law
- Road maintenance
- Local parks

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- Foreign affairs and international trade

Provincial

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Municipal/Local

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- Local parks
- Road maintenance
- Fire protection

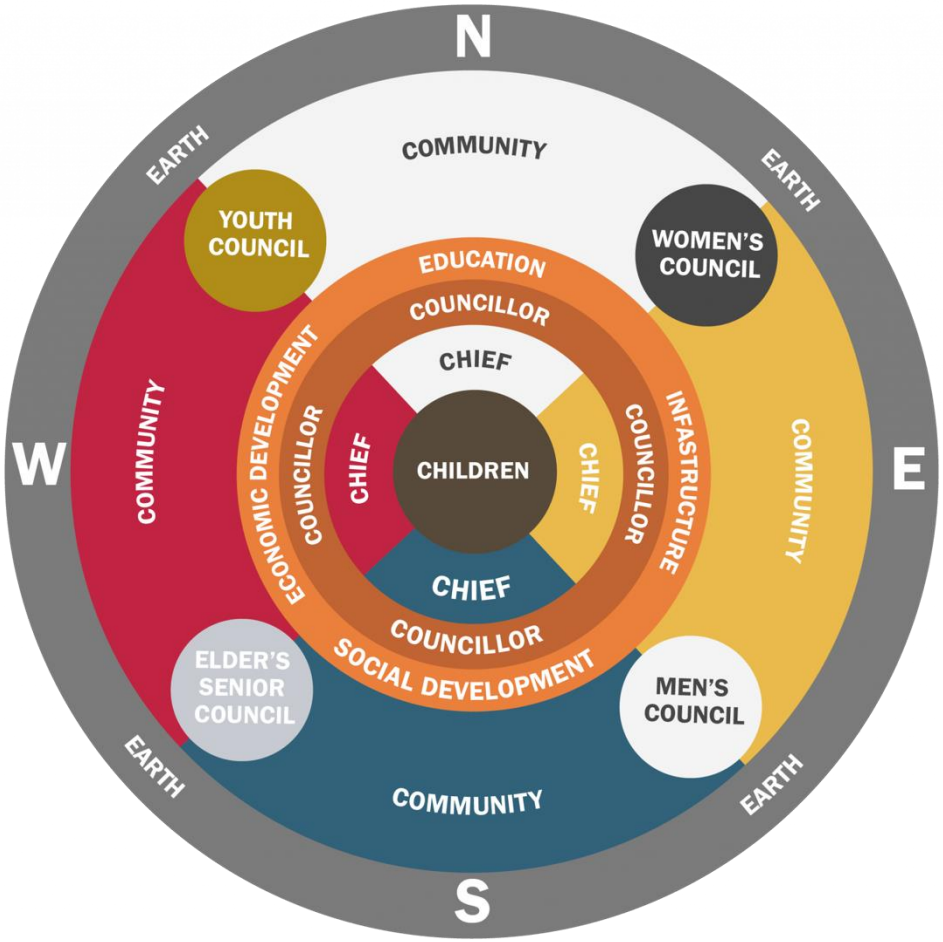
Part 3: Indigenous Governance

Indigenous Self-Government

Traditional Leadership

Hereditary vs Elected Chiefs

Shoal Lake First Nations



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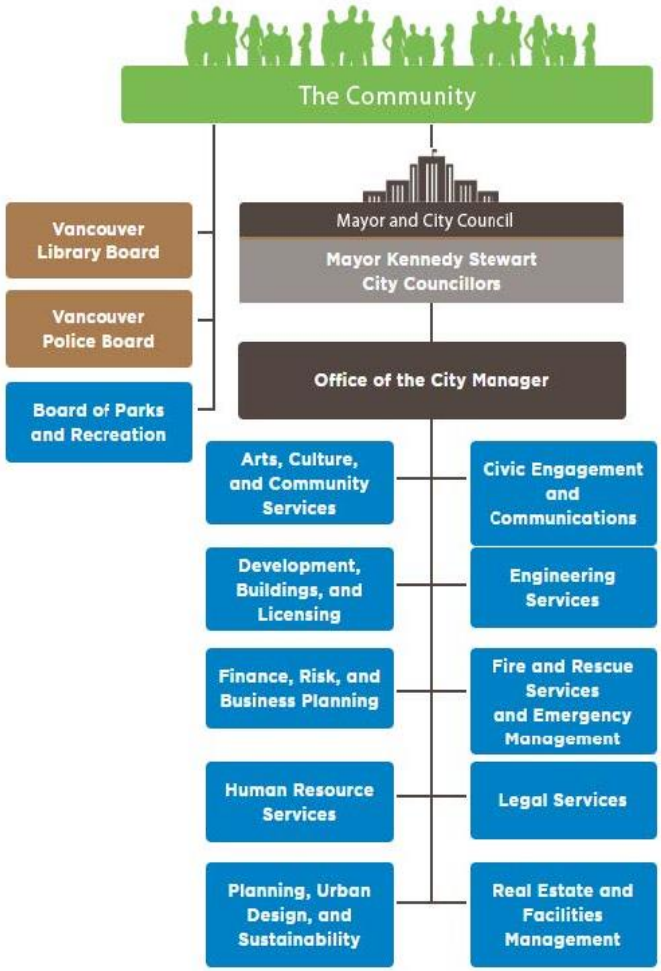

What do you notice about these municipal government structures?

Indigenous Government Structure

- **Indigenous self-government** is the formal structure through which Indigenous communities control the administration of their people.

- Land, resources and related programs and policies, are administered through agreements with federal and provincial governments.

- Despite laws being passed to recognize self-government and sovereignty, the Canadian government consistently ignores these laws.

Indigenous Government Structure

- What do you know about traditional leadership in Indigenous communities?

- What is the difference between hereditary and elected chiefs?

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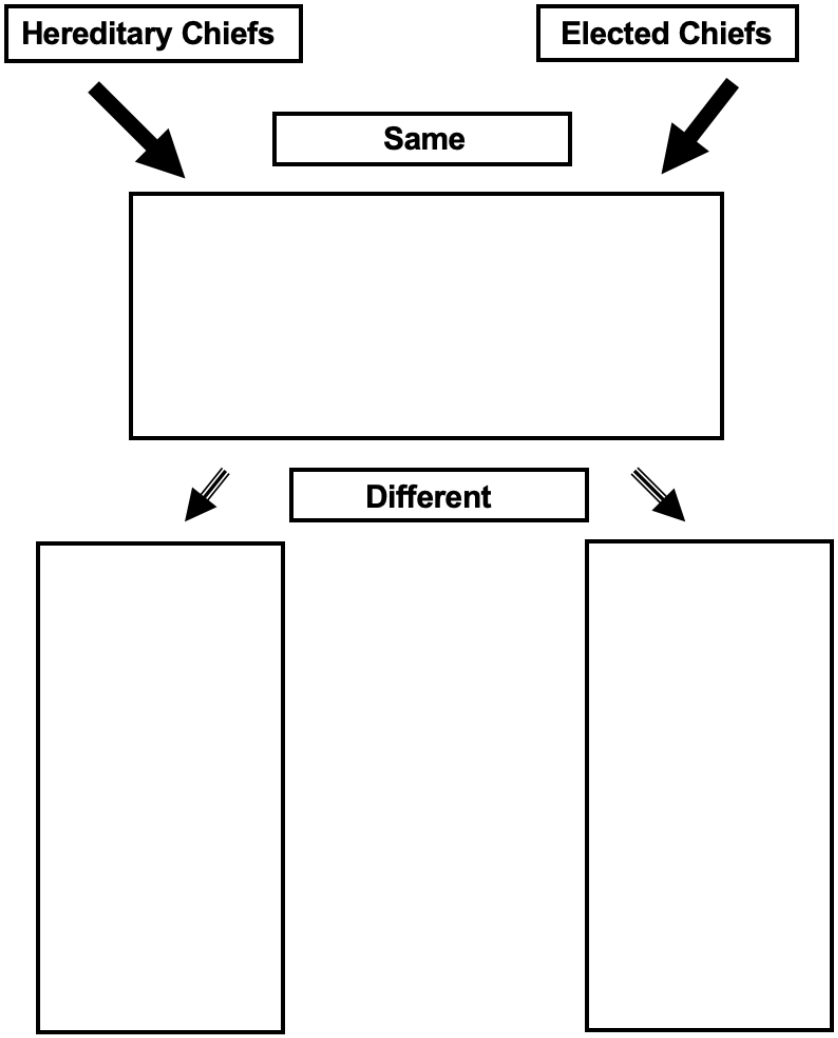
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