**Social Studies 10 Mr. Aitken**

The Parliamentary System

Use Pages 226-240 in your textbook to define the following terms and answer the questions.

# Vocabulary

Define the following terms:

* Executive Branch
* Legislative Branch
* Judicial Branch
* Caucus
* The Senate
* Patronage
* Cabinet Solidarity

# Questions

Answer the following in full sentence responses. Use part of the question in your response.

1. What is the role of the Speaker in the House of Commons?
2. What is the role of the Opposition in the House of Commons?
3. Explain the role of the opposition and caucus in our representative democracy.
4. Why is the voting process in parliament controversial in the context of a representative democracy?
5. Explain the role of the Senate. Why is the process of appointing senators controversial?
6. Explain the role of the governor general.
7. Explain the three roles that the Prime Minister has to perform as the party leader, head of government and national leader.
8. What is the role of the party whip and why is cabinet solidarity important in the parliamentary system?
9. Describe some of the functions of the Public Service. Are public servants more important to the running of government than MP’s?
10. Complete the sheet outlining how a bill becomes law. Use page 237 to assist you. Add additional notes and explanations about what happens in each step of the process of making laws.