

Assignment 2

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1. In this workbook, you examined various departments of the federal government. Refer to your *Government Departments and Agencies* handout to assist you with this assignment.

Choose **one** of the following formats to demonstrate the **federal government's influence on your life**. (12 marks)

- poster (* Include a written explanation that explains your visuals.)
- PowerPoint presentation (5 to 7 slides) * Presentations require visuals and text.
- paragraph

→ Choose **five** federal government departments or agencies that influence your life. Be sure to explain how **each** of these departments/agencies influences your life.

Example of the influence of **one** federal government department or agency:

The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) has an influence on my quality of life because it is involved in collecting taxes from Canadian citizens (including me!). These funds are used to provide various social services to Canadians. The amount of taxes taken from my income by the CRA has a direct impact on my life because it determines the amount of disposable income (money after taxes and paying for necessities) I have left to spend on things I enjoy such as travelling, eating at restaurants, going to movies, and purchasing goods such as DVDs and CDs. I am also affected directly by the CRA because the funds collected from taxes have ensured I have the ability to access health care services I need such as a doctor, dentist, and hospital.

Note: You may **not** use the example provided above.

→ Remember, you must illustrate the **federal** government's influence on **your** life.

Read the scoring criteria on the following page to be sure you understand how this part of your assignment will be evaluated.

If you have chosen to complete a PowerPoint presentation, you may upload it with the rest of your completed lesson.

If you have chosen to complete a **poster**, you may scan the completed product and upload it. *If you are unable to scan your poster, please contact your teacher to determine the best way to submit your work.*

If you have chosen to write a **paragraph**, type your paragraph between the blue brackets provided below.

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Scoring Criteria:

Category	4	3	2	1
Content (x2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product demonstrates comprehensive understanding of the federal government's influence. Details included are precise, purposeful, and rich. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product demonstrates thorough understanding of the federal government's influence. Details are complete, focused, and specific. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product demonstrates ambiguous understanding of the federal government's influence. Details are generally accurate, appropriate, and simplistic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Product demonstrates little or no understanding of the federal government's influence. Details are inaccurate, irrelevant, and/or undeveloped.
Presentation/ Visual Appeal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation is engaging and exceptionally confident. The product is vivid and compelling. The product is free of errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation is interesting and genuinely confident. The product is interesting and effective. The product contains few errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation is straightforward and reasonably confident. The product is acceptable but may be simplistic. The product contains several errors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation is ineffective and/or lacks confidence. The product lacks visual appeal and/or does little to sustain interest. Errors impede effectiveness of the product.

2. In this workbook, you began examining economics and economic systems.

a) Define *economic systems*. (1 mark)

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b) Read the information below and answer the question that follows. (4 marks)

Imagine that the government of Alberta decided to raise the minimum wage by two dollars for workers. (Minimum wage is the minimum amount an employer can pay an employee.) This means minimum wage will go from \$8.80 per hour to \$10.80 per hour.

How would this government decision about the economy (increasing minimum wage) influence your quality of life?

Be sure to explain **two** ways this decision influences **your** quality of life.

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3. In Activity 3, you learned about issues and the criteria required for something to be an issue.

a) Use the information presented in the textbook to identify **three** pros and **three** cons of restricting gun ownership in Canada. You may also use your own ideas. (3 marks)

Pros of Restricting Gun Ownership	Cons of Restricting Gun Ownership
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2. < >	2. < >
3. < >	3. < >

b) Was the information presented in the textbook biased or unbiased? Provide specific examples to support your opinion. (3 marks)

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Submit your completed assignment for marking.