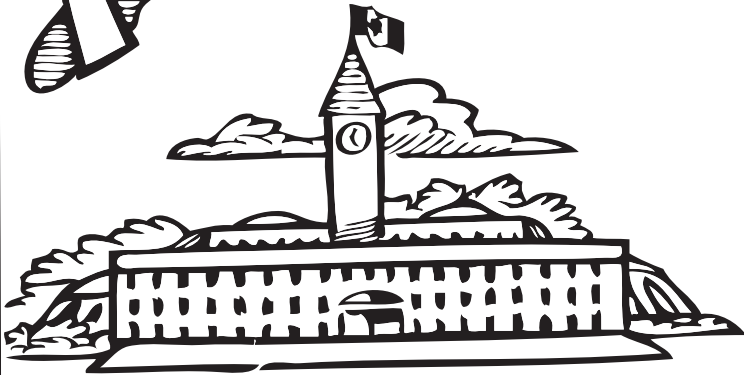


# The Three Levels of Government



Federal

1. What is the title for an elected representative

Federal: \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal: \_\_\_\_\_

Councillor, Member of Parliament (MP),  
Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA)

2. What is the title for a government leader

Federal: \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal: \_\_\_\_\_

Premier, Prime Minister, Mayor



Provincial

3. What elected body makes laws at each level

Federal: \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal: \_\_\_\_\_

Council, House of Commons, Legislative Assembly



Municipal

4. Where do elected representatives meet

Federal: \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Town, Edmonton, Ottawa

5. Name an example of something each level of government is responsible for

Federal: \_\_\_\_\_

Provincial: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipal: \_\_\_\_\_

Police Department, National Defence, Health

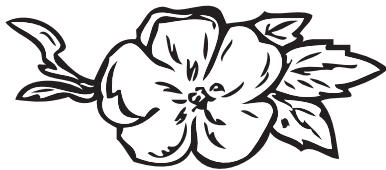


HOW MANY OF ALBERTA'S SYMBOLS AND EMBLEMS CAN YOU FIND IN FRONT OF THE POSTER?

# A-Mace-ing ALBERTA



The province's school children chose Alberta's official bird in 1977. They voted for the great horned owl, a year-round resident of the province.



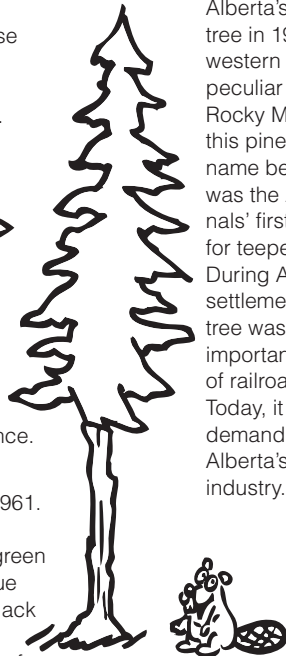
The wild, or prickly, rose became Alberta's floral emblem in 1930. Its bright pink blossoms grace the countryside in all parts of the province.

Alberta's tartan became official in 1961. The colours represent Alberta's landscape and natural resources: green for forests, gold for wheat fields, blue for lakes, pink for wild roses, and black for coal and petroleum. See it in full colour on the owl's vest on the front of the poster.

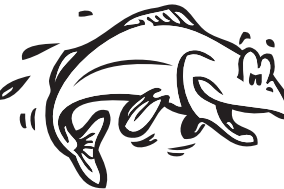
In 2000 Alberta adopted a dress tartan to be worn for special occasions or formal attire. Large sections of white were added to the dress tartan, a symbol of Alberta's bright snowy days. See the dress tartan in full colour on the bighorn sheeps vest on the poster front.



Alberta's Mace measures 91 cm long and contains 200 ounces of sterling silver overlaid with gold. Engraved on the shaft's surface are some of the emblems and symbols of Alberta; wild roses, sheaves of wheat, and a coloured shield. Two features on the crown are a hand-carved beaver and a ring of precious stones that spell "Alberta": amethyst, lapis lazuli, blood stone, emerald, ruby, topaz and agate. The coat of arms of Canada and the British monarch adorn the ball of the Mace.



The lodgepole pine became Alberta's official tree in 1984. A western tree peculiar to the Rocky Mountains, this pine got its name because it was the Aborigines' first choice for teepee poles. During Alberta's settlement, this tree was an important source of railroad ties. Today, it is in demand in Alberta's lumber industry.



In 1989, the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep became Alberta's official mammal. Like the great horned owl, it was chosen by school children in a poll of over 3,000 schools.

The bull trout became the provincial fish in 1995. It is the only native trout found in most mountain and foothill streams in Alberta.

Rough fescue is a perennial bunch grass with stiff, narrow leaves that are rough to the touch. Alberta has the largest area of rough fescue grassland in the world and is the only place in North America where all three types: plains, foothills and northern fescue occur. Fescue grasslands provide vital food for wildlife and livestock year round. On April 30, 2003, rough fescue was adopted as Alberta's emblem due to the efforts of the Prairie Conservation Forum.



In 1977, petrified wood became the province's official stone. It was originally formed in coal seams and later carried by water and deposited in streams, river beds, and gravel pits throughout Alberta.



In 1907, King Edward VII gave Alberta its first coat of arms in the shape of a shield. At the top of the shield is a St. George's cross (the official flag of the Hudson Bay Company) with the mountains, foothills, prairies and wheat fields beneath it. On Alberta's 75th anniversary in 1980 a crest and supporters were added. The supporters- a golden lion on the left and a pronghorn antelope on the right- stand for Britain and Alberta. The supporters stand on a grassy mount dotted with wild roses. The Latin motto at the base, *Fortis et Liber, stands for "strong and free", Alberta's flag (adopted in 1968) has the coat of arms' shield set against a royal ultramarine blue background.*



In 1998 the Alberta-Northwest Territories Command of the Royal Canadian Legion gave Alberta a Black rod- a ceremonial staff used by the Sergeant-at Arms to request permission for the Lieutenant Governor to enter the Chamber. The rod has an ebony shaft (a gift from Sri Lanka) 114 cm long and 2.5 cm thick. On its tip is a silver lion holding a wild rose. Other details include the Royal coronet, the Canadian maple leaf, an engraved crest of the Legion and a 1905 gold Sovereign in the base (a gift from the United Kingdom).

# Be an MLA for a Day in Your Constituency

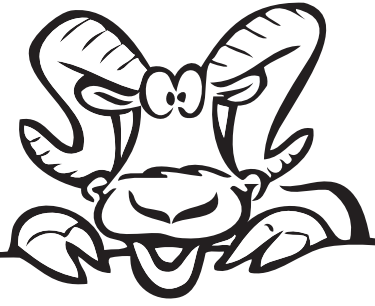
Schedule your day using the list below.

Remember, you might not be able to do everything on the list.



- Your daughter's birthday party starts at 6:30p.m.
- You must attend the ceremony for a constituent who is being awarded the **Order of Canada** (5-6 p.m.)
- Your signature is needed on 40 **letters** to your constituents
- The leader of the **youth** association for your riding wants to meet you at 1:30 p.m.
- You've agreed to attend the opening of a new **gym** at a school in your riding at 2 p.m.
- You have been invited to do a **radio** interview in your riding at 11 a.m.
- You must **review** three newspapers and 15 letters received in today's mail.
- You have a luncheon meeting with a grain farmers group from 12-1 p.m.
- You are invited to the **Small Business Week** kickoff breakfast in Red Deer.
- Your **constituents** have invited you to an important town hall meeting at 7 p.m.
- One of your constituents insists on meeting with you this afternoon to discuss the **shopping mall** that is closing down in your riding.
- You are scheduled to give a speech at the **Legion** on multicultural issues at 4 p.m.
- Your constituents want to present you with a **petition**, which you will introduce in the upcoming session.

8 A.M.	
9 A.M.	
10 A.M.	
11 A.M.	
12 P.M.	
1 P.M.	
2 P.M.	
3 P.M.	
4 P.M.	
5 P.M.	
6 P.M.	
7 P.M.	
8 P.M.	



## Find the Constituency

1. How many MLAs are there in Alberta?
2. What are the duties of an MLA?
3. What is the name of the riding your school is in?
4. Where is the constituency located?
5. Who is your MLA?
6. What political party does your MLA belong to?

## You and Your MLA

Write your MLA a letter.

Visit your MLA at his/her constituency office.

Watch question period in person at the Legislature, on T.V., or online.

Invite your MLA to visit your school.

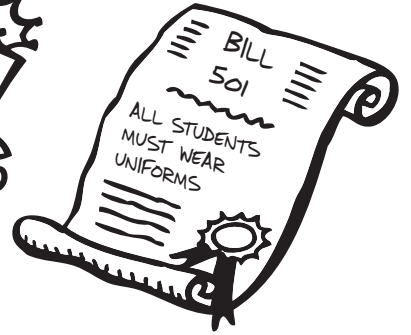
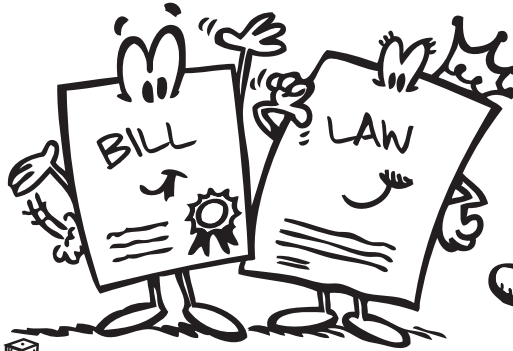
Find your MLA on the Legislative Assembly website at: [www.assembly.ab.ca](http://www.assembly.ab.ca)

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ALL MLAS (PLAYERS) WRITE OUT YOUR BILL IDEAS ON PAPER

# From BILL to LAW Game



YOU NEED A "PAPER" TO WRITE YOUR BILL IDEA ON AND "MARKERS" TO REPRESENT EACH ("MLA") PLAYER.



DISCUSS YOUR IDEA WITH YOUR CONSTITUENTS (OTHER PLAYERS)

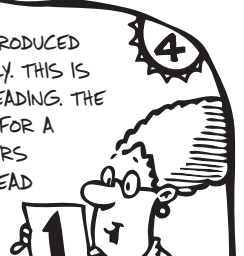
MLAS NEED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR IDEA BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO SUPPORT IT. LOSE 1 TURN.

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YOUR IDEA IS PUT INTO WRITTEN FORM IN A BILL (PROPOSED LAW).



YOUR BILL IS INTRODUCED TO THE ASSEMBLY. THIS IS CALLED FIRST READING. THE SPEAKER CALLS FOR A VOTE. ALL MEMBERS AGREE. MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE.

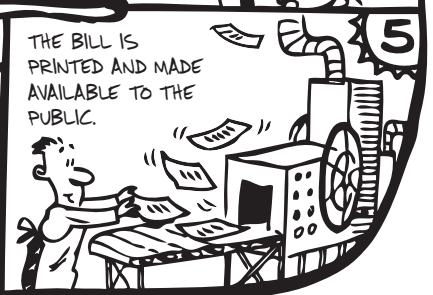


THE ASSEMBLY VOTES ON A MOTION THAT YOUR BILL "BE READ A SECOND TIME". YOUR BILL DOESN'T PASS. GO BACK TO START!

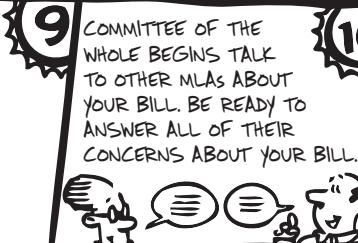


DEBATE BEGINS! AT SECOND READING EXPLAIN THE BENEFITS OF YOUR BILL TO OTHER MLAS. ALLOW TIME FOR OTHER MLAS TO AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH YOU, LOSE A TURN.

THE BILL IS PRINTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

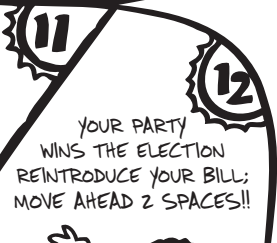


THE ASSEMBLY VOTES ON A MOTION THAT YOUR BILL "BE READ A SECOND TIME". YOUR BILL PASSES BY A MAJORITY. MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE!



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BEGINS TALK TO OTHER MLAS ABOUT YOUR BILL. BE READY TO ANSWER ALL OF THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR BILL.

PREMIER CALLS A SNAP ELECTION; YOUR BILL DIES IN THE ASSEMBLY. INTRODUCE IT AGAIN AFTER THE ELECTION WHEN THE ASSEMBLY SITS. GO BACK TO START!



YOUR PARTY WINS THE ELECTION REINTRODUCE YOUR BILL; MOVE AHEAD 2 SPACES!!

PUBLIC OUTCRY AGAINST YOUR BILL. FURTHER STUDY REQUIRED. GO BACK 1 SPACE.

THIRD READING DEBATE BEGINS. SUM UP YOUR IDEAS. LAST CHANCE FOR OTHERS TO OPPOSE.

UNABLE TO ATTEND SESSION BECAUSE YOU ARE HELPING A CONSTITUENT WITH A SERIOUS PROBLEM. MOVE AHEAD 1 SPACE.



MLAS RECEIVE HUNDREDS OF PHONE CALLS EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR YOUR BILL.



YOUR BILL PASSES THIRD READING IT AWAITS ROYAL ASSENT BEFORE BECOMING LAW.

THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS AND PREMIER ESCORT THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO THE CHAMBER...

YOUR BILL RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.



YOUR BILL IS NOW LAW IN ALBERTA.

FINISH!!

