

Chapter 11: Commonwealth of Australia

Section 3: The Government of Australia

Section 3: Facts About Australia's Government

Directions: Write two facts for each of the descriptions of the government of Australia.

Type of Government

Fact 1:

Fact 2:

Form of Leadership

Fact 1:

Fact 2:

Type of Legislature

Fact 1:

Fact 2:

Citizen Participation

Fact 1:

Fact 2:

Directions: For each question, write the letter of the BEST response on the line beside each question.

- _____ 1. Which of the following best describes the authority of the constitutional monarch of Australia?
- The constitutional monarch is not a part of the government.
 - The constitutional monarch's role is largely symbolic and limited by the constitution.
 - The constitutional monarch's role is equal to that of the prime minister and the parliament.
 - None of the above are correct.
- _____ 2. Which of the following best describes the practice of compulsory voting in Australia?
- Citizens do not have to vote.
 - Citizens of all ages are allowed to vote.
 - Citizens must vote unless there is a good reason, such as illness.
 - Citizens must vote and there is no reason accepted why they should not.
- _____ 3. What is the formal name of Australia's parliament?
- Commonwealth Parliament
 - Congress of Australia
 - Republic of Australia
 - Senate of Australia
- _____ 4. What country did Australia base its type of legislature upon?
- Brazil
 - China
 - Great Britain
 - United States

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Directions: Write two paragraphs responding to the following prompt, making sure to provide evidence from the text to support your details.

The government of Australia is not unlike that of the United States and Great Britain. The citizens of Australia enjoy great freedoms and responsibilities.

- Describe the form of leadership and the roles of the head of government and that of the head of state.
- Describe the importance of voting in Australia and the role of compulsory voting laws.

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