**Civics 11 Research**

**The Role of the Monarchy – Should It Continue in Its Present Form?**

Over the years, Canada has tried to strengthen its identity as a separate nation from Britain. An independent seat in the Paris Peace Conference, the Statute of Westminster, and the patriation of our Constitution are some of the ways in which we accomplished this. Yet, under the BNA Act, the Queen is still our head of state. In 1999 Australians voted on whether they should become a republic and sever ties with the Royal Family. 55% voted in favour of continuing to be part of the British Commonwealth. How do you feel about the Royal Family and their role in Canada? Do you think that the British Crown’s representation in the form of a governor general is necessary?

1. Go to [www.royal.gov.uk](http://www.royal.gov.uk) to obtain information about the role of the monarchy.
2. Make a list of “pros and cons” on having the Royals as “head of state”.
3. Write a **report of your finding** and **express your opinion on whether the monarch should continue in its present form** in a well-organized one page submission.