

Station 2

Which Level of Government?

Station Instructions:

- 1** Read aloud each **Headline News Card**. Decide together which level of government you think is responsible for that topic. Sort the cards into three piles:
 - **Federal Responsibilities**
 - **Provincial/Territorial Responsibilities**
 - **Municipal/Local Responsibilities**

- 2** Check your answers using the **reference sheet**.

- 3** As a group, make a list of **5 to 10 topics** that you care most about. Which level of government is responsible for each of your topics?

- 4** Discuss and reflect: What would your group like to see happen? Choose one topic at each level that your group cares about. How could you get involved?

Station 2 – Headline News Cards

Cut apart the following cards to prepare this station.

<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Garbage strike leads to raccoon problems in many neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Should we eliminate nickels and dimes? Opinion</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Armed forces to help with response to spring flooding</p>
<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>New high school to be built in growing community</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Community soup-tasting competition raises funds for youth programs</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Electrical fire forces evacuation of business</p>
<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Changes coming in university tuition fees</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Investment in public transit sparks renewal in downtown core</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Report proposes changes to media regulations</p>
<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Historic land deal signed with a First Nation</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Improvements announced for the Trans-Canada Highway in a national park</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Government to spend millions on upgrades to highways and roads</p>
<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Bad weather causes major mail delays</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Property taxes will increase to pay for new water treatment plant</p>	<p>Headline News Card</p> <p>Funding increase for mental health care will cut wait times</p>

Reference Sheet – Responsibilities

Note: Some responsibilities are shared among different levels of government.

Federal Government Responsibilities	Provincial/Territorial Government Responsibilities	Municipal/Local Government Responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizenship and passports • Criminal law • Currency • Federal taxes • Fisheries • Foreign affairs and international trade • Indigenous lands and rights • National defence • Official languages • Parks Canada • Postal service • Telecommunications policy • Veterans affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colleges and universities • Education • Hospitals and health care • Natural resources • Property and civil rights • Provincial/territorial law and courts • Provincial/territorial parks • Provincial/territorial road maintenance • Provincial/territorial taxes • Social services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal control • Community centres • Fire protection • Land use planning (zoning) • Municipal/local parks • Municipal/local police • Municipal/local road maintenance • Public transit • Recreation and community facilities • Waste management • Water supply and treatment

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Student Activity Sheet

- Sort the Headline News Cards into Federal, Provincial/Territorial and Municipal/Local responsibilities first, then check your answers using the reference sheet.
- Brainstorm: What are the topics we care about most in this group?
Make a list of 5 to 10 topics that are most important to you as a group.

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- Sort our topics: For each topic you listed above, what level of government is responsible? Label each issue with **F** (Federal), **P/T** (Provincial/Territorial) or **M/L** (Municipal/Local).
- Discuss, brainstorm and reflect:

	Federal	Provincial/Territorial	Municipal/Local
The topic we care most about			
What we would like to see happen			
How we could get involved			