



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN Electoral Commission

ELECTORAL EDUCATION CENTRE - STATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY 4

WHAT IS OUR STATE PARLIAMENT?

Instructions :

The Story below contains a number of blanks. You must fill in these blanks to complete the story.

Western Australia was first occupied by _____ people. They had unwritten laws and customs government their society and how their land was used. Major decisions were often made by a council of elders.

Various European explorers visited Western Australia from time to time, but it was people from _____ who established the _____ River Colony in 18____. They adopted the British system of government which was a _____ Monarchy. In this form of government a _____ or a _____ is the Head of State.

Western Australia developed as a _____ of Britain. Some aspects of the early colonial system remain.

Today the British _____ is still the Head of State for both Western Australia and for the Commonwealth of Australia. His or her representative in Western Australia is called the _____. All bills of Parliament must be approved by this person before they become _____.

The electors of Western Australia choose men and women to represent them in a _____. Here they make decisions about how the community should be organised and managed. The electors vote for members of the Lower House called the _____, and for members of the Upper House called the _____. The Lower House was established in Western Australia in _____. The Upper House was established in _____.

The party or coalition of parties which wins the most seats in the Legislative Assembly forms the Government, and its members pick a leader who is known as the _____ or Head of Government.

The Head of the Government selects a number of Ministers, and together they form the _____. Some examples of portfolio areas which these Ministers are responsible for are:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

There are _____ Members of the Lower House and _____ Members in the Upper House.

In the Lower House a single Member represents an electoral _____. The Members are elected using a system called _____ voting.

In the Upper House, 6 Members represent each electoral _____. The Members are elected using a system of voting called _____ representation.

The Parliament House is located in _____, the capital city of Western Australia.

