



*When you step through the Main Gate of Rideau Hall, you are also taking a big step into our country's history. While the Gate was being built (1867-1868), Canada made the transition from a group of colonies to a country. Since Confederation (1867), thousands of visitors from all around the globe have passed through this entranceway. Royalty, heads of state, prime ministers, as well as Canadians from coast to coast to coast have crossed the threshold of Rideau Hall, the workplace and official home of the Governor General.*

# A Door to CANADA



**1** Look carefully at the detailed work on the Gate and you will notice a letter honouring the monarch reigning when it was built.

- Which letter of the alphabet decorates the Main Gate?
- To whom does it refer?
- What important event in Canada's history took place while the Gate was being built?



**2** Who is Canada's Sovereign?

- Who carries out the responsibilities of Head of State of Canada?
- Who represents Canada and its people at home and abroad?
- What is a Governor General?
  - Who was the first Governor General of Canada?
  - In which year was he appointed Governor General?
  - Who is the Governor General of Canada today?
  - What is his/her full title?
- The present Governor General is the \_\_\_th Governor General since Confederation.

*Lord Monck (around 1867), first Governor General of Canada*







*Governor General Jeanne Sauvé, the first woman appointed to this Office, with participants in the "Dear World" project (1986)*

- 6 a) What is a Lieutenant Governor?  
b) What is a Commissioner?
- 7 Who is the Lieutenant Governor/Commissioner of your province/territory?

- 8 Has the Governor General visited your province/territory, town or community?  
a) When?  
b) Why?  
c) What was his/her name?



*Governor General Vincent Massey, the first Canadian appointed to this Office, meets a group of Scouts during a visit to Alberta (1956)*



- 9 Do a research project on the present Governor General (background, education, career, interests, etc.).

*A sentry mounts guard at the entrance to Rideau Hall (1998)*

- 10 The events the Governor General takes part in require a great deal of planning and preparation. Many people work to develop the Governor General's schedule. Imagine that you work at Rideau Hall and have to plan an activity schedule. Suggest one or more activities relating to the Governor General's functions.  
*Refer to Governor General Adrienne Clarkson's Schedule for May 2000 for help.*