





Australia's Government





Essential Question:
**What is the structure of
the national government
of Australia?**





Standard:

SS6CG7a. Describe the federal parliamentary democracy of Australia, distinguishing form of leadership, type of legislature, and the role of the citizen in terms of voting and personal freedoms.

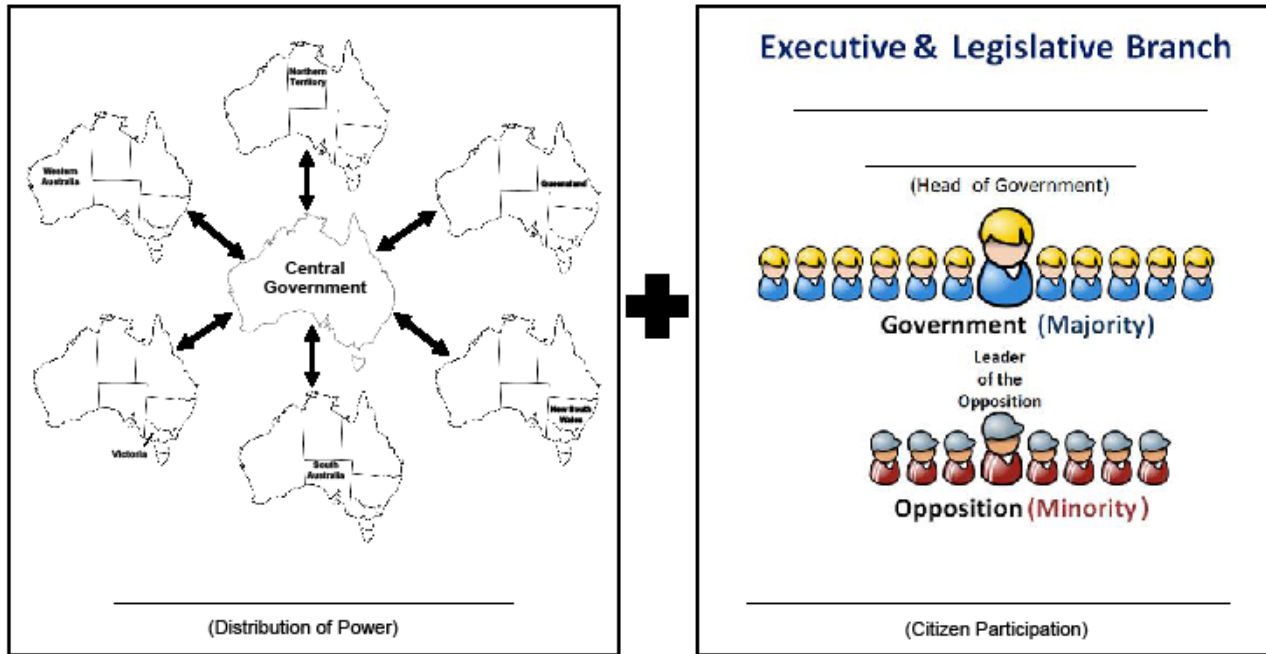


**Australia is a
federal parliamentary
democracy.**



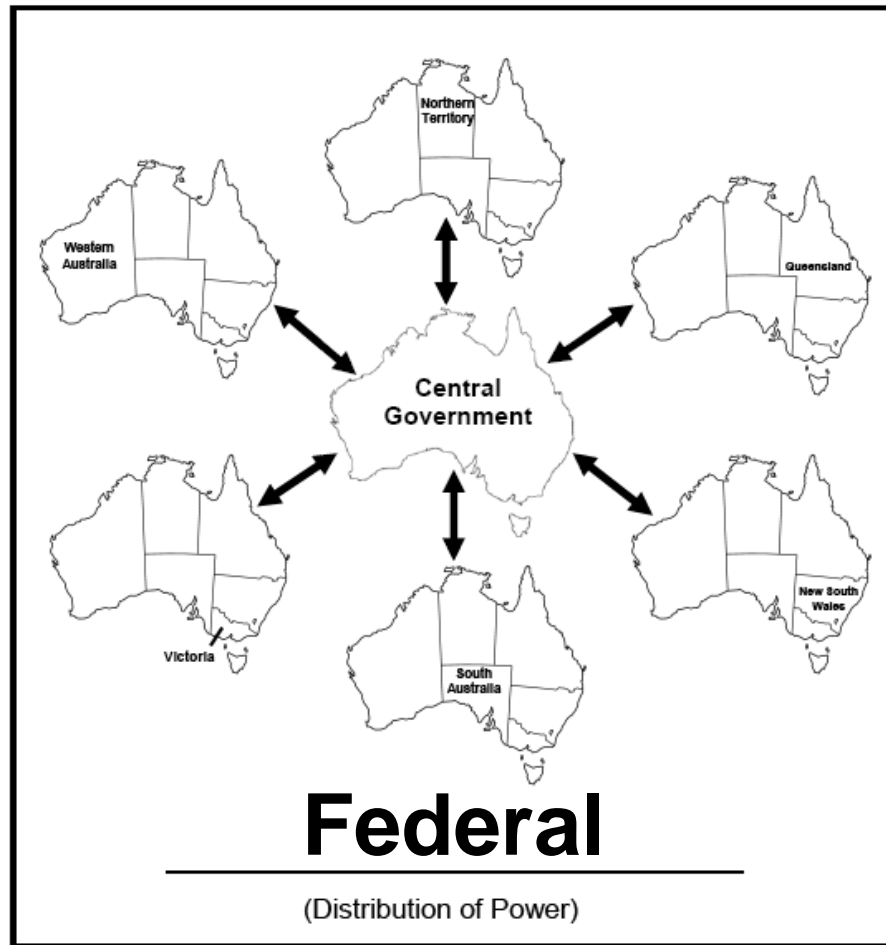
Use your graphic organizer to summarize the important information.

Government of Australia



Australia's government is a _____ because _____

Australia's government is also known as a _____ because _____



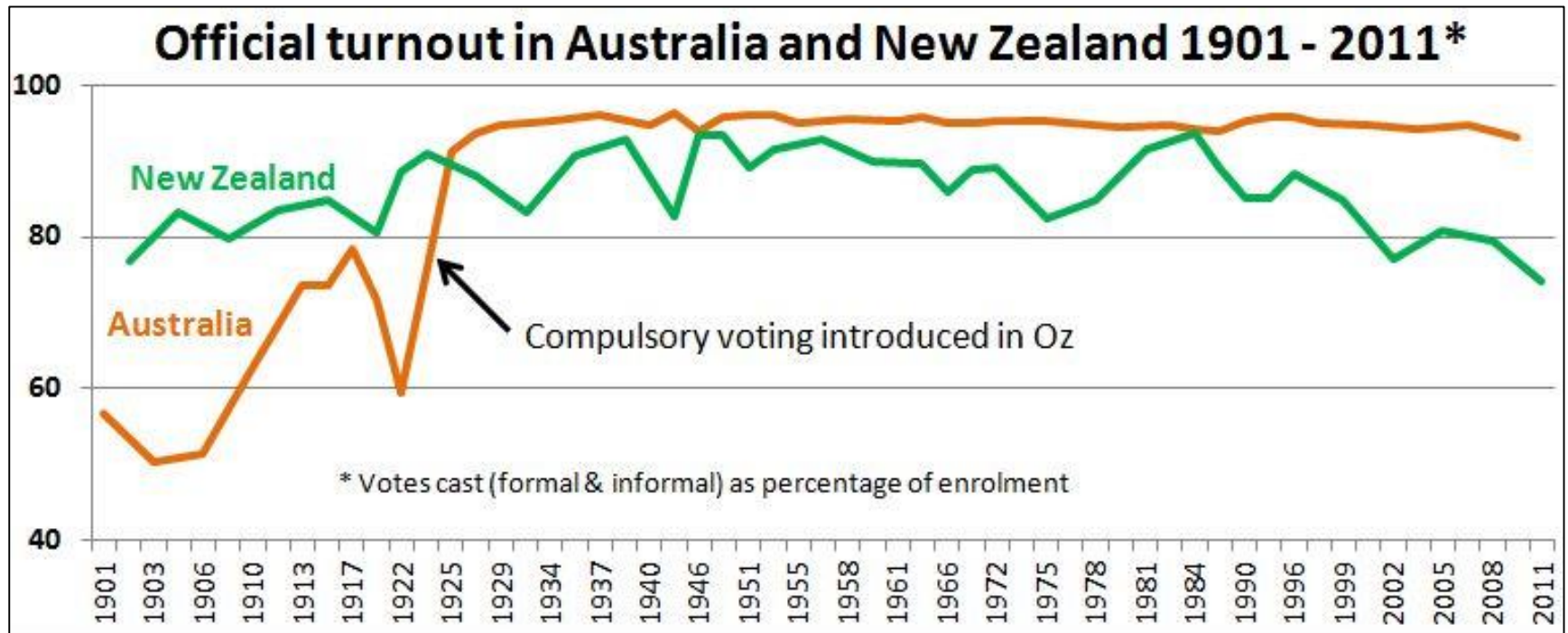
Australia has a federal system of government because it has individual states that share authority with a central government.



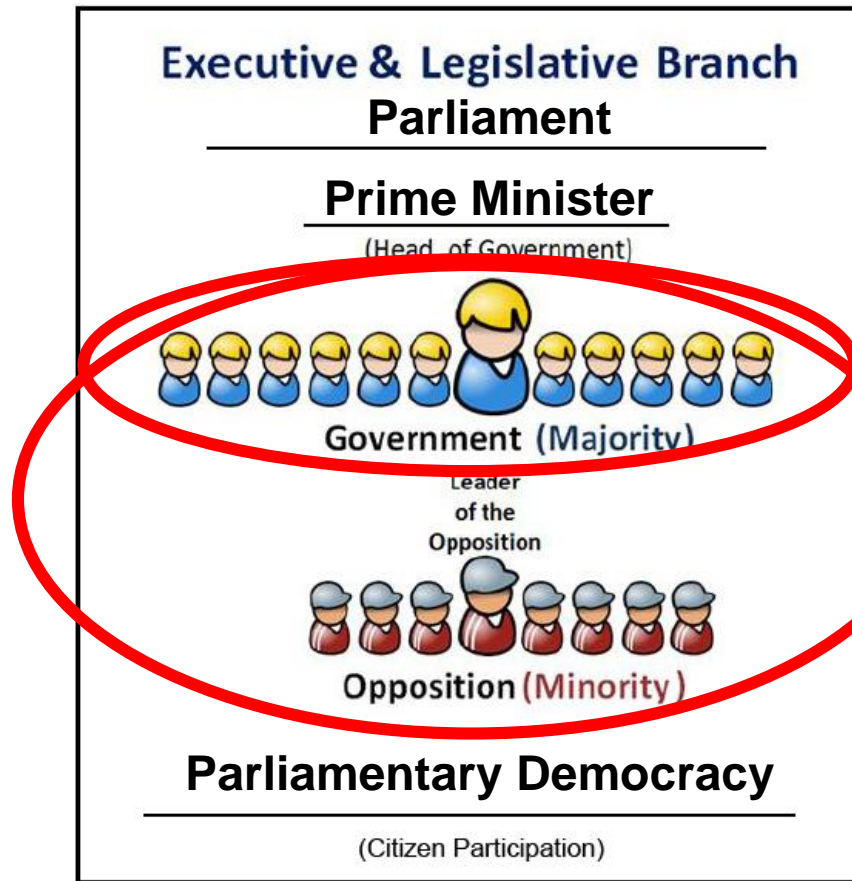
Australia is a democracy. Democracy means the people have a say about how they are governed.

In Australia the people have their say by electing members of parliament to make decisions for the whole country. These members of parliament represent the people.

In Australia, voters are required to vote in elections. If they do not vote, they can be fined.



Voters choose representatives to the governing body, Parliament. It is bicameral (two houses) like Great Britain.



The party that wins the majority then selects the Prime Minister from one of its members to serve as the head of the government.

Australia is governed under a parliamentary system. It is a democratic form of government in which voters choose representatives to a governing body called a parliament.

<http://www.peo.gov.au/multimedia/videos/about-parliament-what-is-parliament/about-parliament-what-is-parliament-popup.html>



Many of the functions and practices of the Australian Parliament are based on British Parliament. Why?

PARLIAMENT of AUSTRALIA



THE QUEEN



GOVERNOR-
GENERAL

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SENATE

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HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES


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**Australia is also known
as a constitutional
monarchy.**





Australia has a monarch (Queen Elizabeth II) as the head of state. The powers of the monarch are set out in the Constitution, along with the powers of the parliament and the courts.