**Role and Responsibility of the Prime Minister and the Governor General**

\*Write each of the indicated roles and responsibilities in the appropriate column.

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| Prime Minister | Queen/Governor General |
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* Political Power – he or she makes the laws.
* Head of State
* Runs the country with the help of appointed members of his political party – known as the Cabinet.
* He or she is the representative of the Queen.
* Each Cabinet Minister has a responsibility ex. Minister of Finance or Trade.
* Carries out duties set out by the constitution of the country.
* Debates laws and legislation.
* Signs bills (Royal Assent) when a bill has been passed in both the House of Commons and the Senate.
* Appoints members to the Senate.
* Leader of a political party.
* Can dissolve Parliament at the request of the Prime Minister.
* Head of the government.
* Cannot make or pass laws.
* Acts as the Commander and Chief of the Armed Forces.
* Meets and negotiates with other foreign leaders.
* Appoints the Prime Minister based on the election results.
* Looks after the needs of the nation and develops programs to meet those needs.
* Performs ceremonial tasks such as greeting foreign dignitaries, Order of Canada appointments, visits foreign countries as a representative and opens Parliament

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