



## Divisions of Power Assignment

Answer the following questions in a new Microsoft Word document.

1. After having explored the websites for the section of Module 1 on the Division of Powers, explain why our country has different powers that control various aspects of our society.
2. Find news articles or news items from various websites to provide examples for all government levels, as you create a digital scrapbook of legal cases in the news. For each level of government:
  - a. Summarize the news article.
  - b. Then indicate which type of law is dealt with (criminal, civil, family, constitutional, and so on).

The number of stories you find is not what is important for this assignment; however, you must be able to identify and *clearly explain* how the stories are related to at least **8 different types of laws** (criminal, civil, family and constitutional are four examples). Referencing one story that includes several types of laws is permissible.

### Sample:

- **Date the Legal News story was published:** Saturday, July 23, 2005
- **Website:** canadaeast.com
- **Title:** U.S. grants extradition
- **Source:** The Daily Gleaner
- **Page:** Title page
- **Author:** Don Macpherson
- **Type of law involved:** International, Criminal, Public

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- **Summary:** Allen Despres is facing two first-degree (see criminal code) murder charges for the deaths of an elderly couple in Minto, New Brunswick, April 24. He fled to Massachusetts where he was arrested a few days after the couple's bodies were found in their home.
- **Types of laws explained:** As Despres is in the U.S., an agreement between both counties must be made regarding the extradition of a person charged with a criminal offence. This falls under **International law**. However, because Despres murdered someone, this would fall under **criminal law** as it is a criminal offence. Criminal Law falls under **public law** as murder is considered an offence against society.

## Criteria

	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
<b>Knowledge/ Understanding</b>  (75%)	Student work demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reasonable ability in explaining why our country has different powers that control various aspects of our society.</li> <li>• good use of news articles to demonstrate eight different types of laws. The news articles are plausibly linked to the eight types of laws.</li> </ul>	Student work demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• superior explanation of the different levels of power that control government in Canada.</li> <li>• precise use of news articles to demonstrate the eight different types of laws. The links between the articles and the types of law are clear.</li> </ul>
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<b>Communication</b>  (25%)	Student work demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thoughtful and grammatically correct word choice and writing; the information provided is clear and on topic.</li> <li>• clear and thoughtful organization to the written responses.</li> <li>• sufficient citations for all news articles.</li> </ul>	Student work demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• superior written communication; required information is presented clearly and effectively.</li> <li>• superior organization to the written responses</li> <li>• flawless citations for all news articles.</li> </ul>
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