

USA and Canada: History and Government

Additional Notes

Canada

- Queen Elizabeth – Current British Monarch
- Justin Trudeau – Current Prime Minister
- Canada broke away from Great Britain in a peaceful way – Based on the Constitution Act of 1982
- Has a two house legislature (bicameral)

USA

- Donald Trump – Current President
- Mike Pence – Current Vice President
- USA broke away from Great Britain through war -- American Revolution (1775 – 1783)
 - 1775 Beginning of the conflict
 - 1776 Declaration of Independence
 - 1783 Treaty of Paris – USA formally recognized by Britain as an independent country
- USA Constitution – foundation/structure of the government
- USA has a republic (representative government)
- Government has three branches: Executive (enforces the laws), Legislative (makes the laws), Judicial (judges the laws)
- Has a two house legislature (bicameral)