

# Course Activation Assignment

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- ▶ Fill out the information below
- ▶ Complete the following activation assignment for this course

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You hope to finish this course in:  Semester (5 months)  10 months

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# Law 12

## Activation Assignment

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**Learning Goals:** This 3-part assignment touches briefly on the following prescribed learning outcomes for Law 12.

- Describe concepts of law, including moral vs. legal issues
- Describe principles of law, including rule of law; rule of precedent; and justice
- Describe concepts of law, including moral vs. legal issues
- Evaluate principles of criminal law, including elements of a criminal offence, parties to an offence and types of offences
- Analyze processes of criminal law, including the rights of the accused; the interests of the state; arrest and trial procedure
- Analyze the goals and processes of sentencing
- Describe the structure and jurisdiction of the Canadian court system, including the levels of court and roles and responsibilities within the court system

**Assignment:** This assignment consists of 3 parts.

- “Life Without Laws” – 350-500 word Essay (based on personal experience) – 30 marks
- “Rules, Law and Society” – Media Report (analyzing 3 articles) – 60 marks
- “How Canadian Courts are Organized” – Notes (website review) – 35 marks

**Time:** Approximately 6-8 hours

**Score:** /125 marks (12.5% of course mark)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to complete this assignment, you may want to use a variety of print or online resources. Some helpful sites:**

<http://www.duhaime.org/LegalDictionary.aspx>

<http://www.canadalegal.com/sites.asp>

<http://www.scc-csc.gc.ca/>

<http://www.canlii.com/>

<http://www.ojen.ca/home>

<http://www.world-newspapers.com/canada.html>

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### Law 12 Activation Assignment (Part 1).

#### Observation - Essay

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#### Prescribed Learning Outcome:

Describe concepts of law, including moral vs. legal issues

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#### Assignment:

Referring to your own experience, and the experience of your family and friends, write a three (3) to five (5) paragraph paper (350-500 words) that answers the following question:

**"What would your week day be like without laws?"**

- Imagine a society without laws, courts and the police.
- Be creative and describe **your** typical **week day** without laws as you move from home to school, work, sports area, shopping mall, club, place of worship and/or friend's or relative's home.
- Explain why situations would happen.
- Use your general knowledge to support your arguments.

#### Essay Evaluation:

(20 points) Ideas and Content

(5 points) References to Canadian laws

(5 points) Grammar and Spelling

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\_\_\_\_\_/60 marks

## Law 12 Activation Assignment (Part 2).

### Rules, Law and Society- Media Report

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#### Prescribed Learning Outcome:

Describe principles of law, including rule of law; rule of precedent; and justice

Describe concepts of law, including moral vs. legal issues

Evaluate principles of criminal law, including elements of a criminal offence, parties to an offence and types of offences

Analyze processes of criminal law, including the rights of the accused; the interests of the state; arrest and trial procedure

Analyze the goals and processes of sentencing

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#### Assignment:

- a) Find (3) interesting, informative, worthwhile **newspaper articles** that relate to **Canadian** law, crime, courts, lawyers or police. You may use internet sources.
  - b) **Create a word document for this assignment.** Copy and paste your articles into this document. Complete parts c, d, and e.
  - c) (5 points) Media Sources - Below each article, identify the **media source**. For each article, include the following information:
    - the newspaper name,
    - publishing location (city and country),
    - date,
    - URL (article web address).
  - d) (10 points) Summary - For each article, write a short, point-form **summary** of the legal issue or legal situation.
  - e) (5 points) Conclusion - For each article, describe **what you would do** to resolve this legal issue or situation.
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_/30 marks

**Law 12 Activation Assignment (Part 3).**

**How Canadian Courts are Organized - Notes**

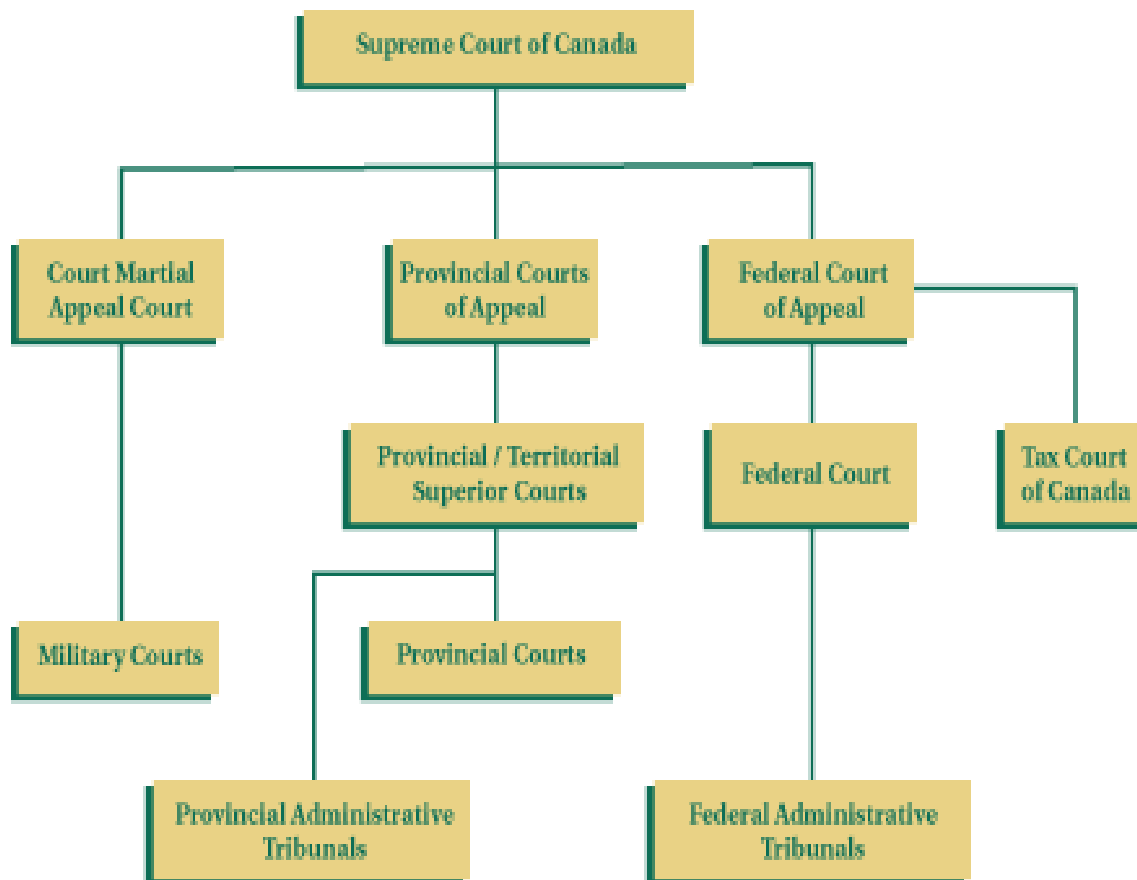
**Prescribed Learning Outcome:**

Describe concepts of law, including moral vs. legal issues

**Assignment:**

Use the information found on the [Department of Justice website](#) and/or the [BC Courts website](#) to answer the following questions in point form.

## Outline of Canada's Court System



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### **Court 1 - Provincial Court** (6 points)

Answer the following questions, using the information found at:

<http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/dept-min/pub/ccs-ajc/page3.html>

Further information may be found at: <http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/>

Which provinces or territories have a provincial court?

What **matters** will a provincial court judge be allowed to hear? (List 5 or more)

- 1 -
- 2 -
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 -

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### **Court 2 - Provincial Superior Court** (9 points)

Further information may be found at: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/>

What is the name of the **Superior Court** here in British Columbia?

What does "inherent jurisdiction" mean?

What **matters** will a Provincial Superior Court judge be allowed to hear?

- 1 -
- 2 -
- 3 -
- 4 -

What **family matters** are dealt with **exclusively** at the superior court level?

- 1 -
- 2 -

Who appoints and pays the judges at the superior court level?

- 1 -

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### **Court 3 - Courts of Appeal** (2 points)

Further information may be found at: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/>

What does a court of appeal do?

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How many judges will normally sit on a court of appeals panel?

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### **Court 4 - Federal Courts** (5 points)

What limitation influences the matters Federal Courts can deal with?

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How are Federal Courts different from Provincial Superior Courts?

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What matters do Federal Courts have jurisdiction over? Identify 3.

- 1 -
  - 2 -
  - 3 -
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### **Court 5 - The Supreme Court of Canada** (13 points)

What matters does the Supreme Court of Canada have jurisdiction over?

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How many judges sit on the Supreme Court of Canada?

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Why do 3 judges of the Supreme Court of Canada have to come from Quebec?

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Under what circumstances may a case go before the Supreme Court of Canada?

- 1 -

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- 2 -
- 3 -
- 4 -
- 5 -

Identify 2 situations where the Supreme Court of Canada must hear an appeal (ie. automatic right to appeal to the Supreme Court).

- 1 -
- 2 -

What crucial role does the Supreme Court of Canada take with regard to interpreting legislation? (3 points)

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Thank you and welcome to Law 12