**Government in the 1920’s**

Part A: Begin reading about the Canadian government in the 1920’s on p. 73 and answer the following questions as you read.

1. In 1919, Wilfrid \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ died and a new leader of the Liberal party had to be elected.
2. True or False: The Liberal party had been badly divided over the conscription issue during WW1.
3. Who did the Liberals elect as their leader?
4. True or False: Mackenzie King was one of the few English-speaking Liberals who had been loyal to Laurier throughout the conscription crisis.
5. What party did Arthur Meighen become leader of?
6. Why did farmers become convinced that they would have to form their own political parties?
7. True or False: When Prime Minister Meighen called an election in 1921, most people expected to elect a minority Liberal or Conservative government.
8. Who won the 1921 election?
9. Define **minority government**:
10. King’s Liberals had won the most seats but had fewer than \_\_\_\_\_\_ the members of parliament.
11. What is a **non-confidence vote**?
12. What would Prime Minister King have to do to keep his job?
13. True or False: King managed to remain Prime Minister with a minority government for the next four years (until 1925).
14. Meighen’s conservatives won the most seats during the 1925 election, yet they did not become the ruling government. Why did this happen?
15. What scandal erupted shortly after the 1925 election?
16. What was Lord Byng’s position?

Part B: With a partner, read the primary documents that capture the King-Byng affair. In your notebook, answer the following questions using the documents.

1. What advice did Lord Byng decline to accept?

2. How does Mackenzie King respond to Byng’s decision?

3. Who does King want Byng to consult?

4. What is King’s opinion of Arthur Meighen?

5. How does Byng justify his decision?

6. King accused Byng of trying to reduce Canada “from the status of a self-governing Dominion to the status of a Crown colony.” Based on Byng’s letter to King, do you think this was Byng’s intention?