

Answer Key--Comparing the War Measures Act and Emergencies Act

Directions:

Use this article https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/emergencies-act to research the War Measures Act and Emergencies Act. Record your findings in the chart below.

War Measures Act (1914)		Emergencies Act (1988)
Gave government broad power to during times of war or uprising	Scope of Powers	Gives government limited and specific powers during 5 types of emergencies
Cabinet can invoke Act	Role of Parliament	Parliament must review Cabinet cannot act on its own
No consideration of compensation	Compensation	Provides for compensation of those affected
Rights and freedoms are not protected	Charter of Rights and Freedoms	Rights and freedoms are protected Cannot discriminate on protected grounds

How does the Emergencies Act balance the rights of the individual with the need to provide protection, security, and order for all Canadians?