Explore the Debating Chamber Activity

Name________________________________

Welcome to EXPLORE THE DEBATING CHAMBER - the resource that helps you find out more about the Chamber of the Scottish Parliament.

Please try to answer the following questions after you have spent some time exploring the Debating Chamber

1.  (a) Where does the Presiding Officer sit?

   (b) What role does the Presiding Officer play?

2.  Copy and complete the following table:

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<tr>
<th>Name of Party</th>
<th>Number of MSPs</th>
<th>Name of Leader*</th>
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*These people have different titles, Leader, National Convener, Principal Speaker
3 What are the Broadcasting staff responsible for?

4 What words appear on the Mace?

5 Who might people in the Media Gallery work for?

6 What is the First Minister in charge of?

7 Name two other groups of people who work in the Chamber
   a)
   b)

8 Write two new facts you learned about the Debating Chamber
   a)
   b)

9 Do you think it is important that the public have an opportunity to see what is happening in the Scottish Parliament? Give reasons for your answer.
Make a list of your MSPs. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says “MSPs”. Now use the postcode search to find out who your MSPs are.

My Constituency is called ________________________________

My Constituency MSP is ____________________________ for the ____________________Party

My Region is called ________________________________

My Regional MSPs are
1 ___________________________ for the ______________________ Party
2 ___________________________ for the ______________________ Party
3 ___________________________ for the ______________________ Party
4 ___________________________ for the ______________________ Party
5 ___________________________ for the ______________________ Party
6 ___________________________ for the ______________________ Party
7 ___________________________ for the ______________________ Party

How can you contact your MSPs? All MSPs have e-mail addresses. They are written like this:
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Write your MSPs’ e-mail addresses here:
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