Act of Union 1941:

Read the following articles of the Act of Union, organize them into articles that promote responsible government and those that don’t. Create a two column organizer. Eg:

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| For Responsible Government | Against Responsible Government |
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Population stats to determine fairness:

(1840--Population of **Upper Canada** : 432,159)

(1831--Population of **Lower Canada** : 553,134)

(1844--Population of **Lower Canada** : 697,084)

Articles:

Art. 3. There shall be one Legislative Council and one Assembly. "Her Majesty shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the said Legislative Council and Assembly, to make laws for the peace, welfare, and good government of the Province of Canada. "

Art. 4. The Governor shall appoint the Legislative Councillors; there are to be at least 20 such councillors; more may be thereafter appointed.

Art. 5. The Legislative Councillors are appointed for life.

Art. 12. In the Legislative Assembly of the Province "the parts of the said Province which now constitute the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada shall [ . . .] be represented by an equal number of representatives ."

Art. 13 to 17. divide the Electoral districts of Upper Canada in such a way as to multiply their former number .

Art. 18 to 20 regroup the Electoral districts of Lower Canada in such a way as to reduce their former number .

Art. 24-25. elections are proclaimed by the Governor .

Art. 28. To run in elections, a candidate must own property worth £ 500 "above all rents , charges , mortgages and encumbrances."

Art. 31. Parliament shall last for four years unless the government decides otherwise.

Art. 37. The Governor may assent, withhold assent or reserve any bill passed by the Legislative Assembly and Council.

Art. 38. The British government may, within two years of its passage, disallow a bill passed by the Assembly and Council and assented to by the Governor.

Art. 4l. All official journals, entries and written or printed proceedings of the Council or the Assembly,… "shall be in the English language only”

Art. 43. Questions of duties, navigation and regulation of commerce with any other parts of the world are to be decided by the British Parliament; duties collected here are to be applied for the use of the Province of Canada.

Art. 44. Judges are appointed by the Governor "with the advice and consent of the Executive Council."

Art. 45. All the powers of the Governor are to be exercised with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.

Art. 46. All laws, statutes and ordinances which were in effect in Upper Canada and Lower Canada continue in force "as if this Act had not been made" and "as if the said two Provinces had not been united." The Legislature may, however, change them in the future.

Art. 50. All duties and revenues of Upper and Lower Canada "shall form one consolidated revenue fund to be appropriated for the public services of the

Art. 55. The public debts of Upper and Lower Canada are consolidated into one.

Art. 57. All money bills are introduced first in the Legislative Assembly.