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**Queen Elizabeth II**

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**Raúl Castro**

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**Russia, President (Putin is currently the Prime Minister)**

5. King Abdullah, of this country, is one of the few monarchs in the world that are head of state and head of government. This country is the largest Arabic country in the Middle East.

**Saudi Arabia**

6. This person is the de facto leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He is more frequently referred to as the "Supreme Leader of North Korea."

**Kim Jong (or King Jong-II)**

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**Zimbabwe**

**Ethnic Foods**

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**Gyro**

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**Crêpe**

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**Squid**

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**Pizza**

**Shakespeare Plots**

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**Romeo and Juliet**

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**Macbeth**

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**A Midsummer Night's Dream**

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**Architecture**

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**Columns**

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**Dome**

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**Modular**

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**Stick-Built**

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**Gothic**

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**Ranch**

**Canada**

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**Senate and House of Commons**

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**Northwest Territories**

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**Oil**

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**Maple Leaf**

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**Provinces**

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**Toronto**

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$x = 3, -3$

33. Complete the operations and give the answer as a fraction in lowest terms.

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$\frac{1}{9}$  (one-ninth)

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**60**

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**Israel**

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**Financial Reform**

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**World Trade Center**

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**Champagne**

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**The Open Championship (or The British Open)**

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**BP**

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