

OPTIONAL LESSON #1 - CITIZENSHIP

In general, Canadians know almost nothing about Canadian Citizenship, its benefits and its responsibilities. However, one page of information at the end of the student note section has been included, if teachers wish to examine citizenship. If possible, arrange for students to view a “swearing in” of new Canadian citizens. New Canadian citizens tend to take the concept more seriously than Canadian citizens born in Canada.

OPTIONAL LESSON #2 - MINORITY / MAJORITY GOVERNMENTS

Information in the student note section can be used to help students understand the differences between a minority and a majority government.

OPTIONAL LESSON #3 - CURRENT EVENTS

Studying current events is a useful way to help bring meaning to the abstract concepts contained in the unit. One possible suggestion is to quickly discuss the recent political “news” at the beginning of each class period. (A bulletin board can be used to help keep track of recent happenings.) A quiz has also been included which might be useful.

*****Note *****

If possible, while the unit is in progress, convince the Premier or Prime Minister to call an election. Explain that coordination of their election plans with your year plan will help to build better Canadian citizens.

Answers

- 1) Stephen Harper
- 2) Conservative Party
- 3) Bill Graham
- 4) Liberal Party
- 5) Jim Flaherty
- 6) Michaëlle Jean
- 7) Answers will vary
- 8) Answers will vary
- 9) Answers will vary
- 10) Answers will vary
- 11) Answers will vary

Premiers

Newfoundland: Danny Williams
New Brunswick: Bernard Lord
Quebec: Jean Charest
Manitoba: Gary Doer
Alberta: Ralph Klein
Yukon: Dennis Fentie
Nunavut: Paul Okalik

Nova Scotia: Rodney MacDonald
Prince Edward Island: Pat Binns
Ontario: Dalton McGuinty
Saskatchewan: Lorne Calvert
British Columbia: Gordon Campbell
Northwest Territories: Joe Handley

***** Note *****

Answers will change since they are “current” events.