

## Constitution

### What is a Constitution?

- 1) Define . . . constitution.

### Federal State

- 2) Define . . . federal state.
- 3) Describe the purpose of the federal and provincial governments in Canada.
- 4) What document established the federal system, and also established the division of powers between the federal and provincial governments?

### British North America Act, 1867

- 5) Mind Map the history of the BNA Act.
- 6) Explain why the BNA Act was passed through the British Parliament, and what this said about Canadian national autonomy.

### Unwritten Constitution

- 7) Mind map a description of the unwritten constitution of Canada.

### Written Constitution

- 8) Describe the elements composing the written constitution of Canada.
- 9) Explain why Prime Minister Trudeau wanted to patriated the constitution in 1982.
- 10) Explain why Quebec opposed the Constitution Act of 1982.
- 11) Describe the amending formula.

*The amending formula is the mechanism that allows for constitutional changes in Canada.*

- 12) Describe the Notwithstanding Clause.

*The Charter of Rights and Freedoms is a key element of History*

*We will spend time studying the charter soon!*