

Canadian Electoral System

Canadian Political Parties

- 1) Mind Map the function of political parties in Canada.
- 2) Define . . . party platform.
- 3) Define . . . official party status.

Canadian Political Spectrum

- 4) Describe the characteristics of the left, center, and right wing.

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- 5) Take notes on these federal parties . . .
 - Conservative Party
 - Liberal Party
 - New Democratic Party
 - Bloc Québécois

(Tip . . . While online sources may be helpful, you can also take a major shortcut and list the key ideological positions of each political party. Think back to when we studied ideology!)

Canadian Regionalism

- 6) Describe the impact of regionalism on the development of political parties in Canada.

Canadian Electoral Process

- 7) Define . . . universal franchise.
- 8) Define . . . voter apathy.
- 9) Describe the election process in Canada.

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- 10) Describe these types of government . . .
 - Majority Government
 - Minority Government
 - Coalition Government

11) Complete the following chart on the current composition of the House of Commons.

<i>House of Commons</i>	
<i>Party</i>	<i>Number of Seats</i>
<i>Conservative Party</i>	
<i>Liberal Party</i>	
<i>NDP Party</i>	
<i>Bloc Québécois</i>	
<i>Green Party</i>	
<i>Independent MPs</i>	

<i>Type</i>	<i>Yes / No</i>
<i>Majority Government</i>	
<i>Minority Government</i>	
<i>Coalition Government</i>	

<i>Government Party</i>	
<i>Official Opposition Party</i>	

<i>Prime Minister</i>	
<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>	

(Tip . . . Statistics Canada is a good source for current election results.)

12) Describe these electoral systems, and assess their strengths and weaknesses. Which is best?

- First Past the Post
- Proportional Representation
- Preferential Ballot

Influencing Government

13) Describe how Canadians influence their government.