



Educational Programs and Resources

The Parliament of Canada is pleased to offer a comprehensive collection of programs and classroom resources for teachers.

www.parl.gc.ca/education



CLASSROOM RESOURCES AND TEACHER GUIDES

Resources include suggestions for levels of instruction. Many teachers have successfully adapted the resources for use with other grades/cycles.



Canadian Symbols at Parliament



Grades K to 3 (Primary cycles 1 and 2 in Quebec)

This activity resource for young students uses animals, floral emblems and the Parliament buildings themselves to explain the history and significance of the symbols found in Canada's Parliament.

The resource includes downloadable student activities.



MPTV An Introduction to the House of Commons



Grades 4 to 8 (Primary cycle 2 to Secondary cycle 1 in Quebec)

This lively 9-minute, high-interest video introduces students to the busy atmosphere of the House of Commons and the role of Members of Parliament.

The supporting online teacher guide includes downloadable student activities and useful links.



Setting the Agenda



**Grades 6 to 10
(Primary cycle 3 to Secondary cycle 2 in Quebec)**

This group activity enables students to experience a typical day in the life of a Senator or MP and to understand the decisions parliamentarians must make when balancing their many duties and activities.

The resource includes downloadable student activities and useful links.



People and Parliament



**Grades 7 to 12
(Secondary cycles 1 and 2 in Quebec)**

This resource uses the daily newspaper to familiarize students with different aspects of the Canadian parliamentary system.

The resource includes numerous downloadable student activities that can be used individually. Useful links are provided for each activity.



Model Parliament Unit



Grades 9 to 12 (Secondary cycles 1 and 2 and CEGEP in Quebec)

This comprehensive simulation resource includes background lessons and procedural information, as well as student activities and scripts to enable students to accurately simulate a day in Canada's Parliament.

A variety of supporting resources, assessment tools and marking grids are also provided.



The Senate of Canada



All levels

This 22-minute video provides an overview of the Senate, its history and traditions, and its role in the parliamentary process. Nine online video clips are short excerpts from the full length video.

The accompanying online teacher guide provides suggestions for supporting classroom activities.

The video and teacher guide are also available on CD-ROM.



On-line



Video/DVD/video clips



Print



Poster



On-site school tour



On-line teacher guide



CD-Rom



Professional development

STUDENT GLOSSARIES

Glossary of Parliamentary Terms for Younger Students

Grades K to 6 (Primary cycles 1 to 3 in Quebec)



This glossary is specifically designed for younger students and includes terms commonly used in Parliament.

Glossary of Parliamentary Terms for Intermediate Students

Grades 7 to 10
(Secondary cycles 1 and 2 in Quebec)



This glossary is specifically designed for intermediate students and includes terms commonly used in Parliament.

Senior level students are referred to the *Glossary of Parliamentary Procedure*, produced for the general public by Procedural Services of the House of Commons. See *Background Resources for Educators* at www.parl.gc.ca/education.

STUDENT FAQs

FAQs about the Senate of Canada

Grades 4 to 8
(Primary cycle 2 to Secondary cycle 1 in Quebec)



This colourful fold-out student brochure presents interesting facts about the Senate of Canada in answer to questions frequently asked by students.

The print version is available in class sets upon request, free of charge, from the Information Service of the Library of Parliament. Email info@parl.gc.ca or call 1-866-599-4999 or (613) 992-4793.

FAQs about the Canadian House of Commons

Grades 4 to 8 (Primary cycle 2 to Secondary cycle 1 in Quebec)



This illustrated student booklet presents interesting facts about the Canadian House of Commons in answer to questions frequently asked by students.

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SCHOOL TOURS

While tours of the Centre Block are offered to school groups throughout the year, groups visiting Parliament from September to April can choose a grade-specific tour:



Searching for Symbols

Grades K to 3
(Primary cycles 1 and 2 in Quebec)



A specially designed interactive tour uses props and role play to help younger students discover the meaning of the symbols found throughout the Centre Block of Parliament.



Follow that Bill

Grades 4 to 6
(Primary cycles 2 and 3 in Quebec)



This interactive tour of the Centre Block of Parliament gives students an opportunity to learn firsthand how a bill becomes a law. Suggestions for pre-visit classroom activities are included.

School Tour Information: www.parl.gc.ca/vis
1-866-599-4999 or (613) 996-0896

FOR TEACHERS

Teachers Institute on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy

For teachers of grades 4 to 12
(Primary cycle 2 to CEGEP in Quebec)



This week-long professional development opportunity is held annually on Parliament Hill for teachers of parliamentary democracy and citizenship education.

Past participants have developed learning strategies for use by other teachers across Canada. These strategies, as well as ideas shared on the *Alumni Corner*, are available on the Parliament of Canada Web site.

Visit www.parl.gc.ca/education (Teachers Institute).



Background Resources for Educators

For teachers of all levels



The resources listed here provide accurate and detailed information about the history, structure, responsibilities and procedures pertaining to Canada's Parliament and parliamentarians, as well as photos and information on youth programs.

A *Related Resources* directory lists links to numerous other educational sites that relate to Canadian parliamentary democracy, governance and citizenship.



Teacher Kit

For teachers of all levels



This kit contains booklets, brochures and information sheets for background reference and classroom use. It is available free of charge from the Information Service of the Library of Parliament.

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Selected items from this kit are also available in class sets upon request.



Teachers' Corner

For teachers of all levels



The Parliament Hill Boutique offers posters, books, videos, DVDs and other classroom resources for sale online. Visit www.parl.gc.ca/boutique (Teachers' Corner).

POSTERS

The Parliament of Canada



All levels

This full-colour wall poster shows the Centre Block of Parliament and the Peace Tower.



The Senate Chamber

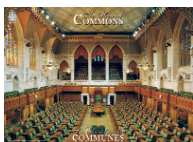


All levels

This full-colour wall poster of the Senate chamber includes a seating map on the reverse.



The House of Commons Chamber



All levels

This full-colour wall poster of the House of Commons chamber includes a seating map on the reverse.



To purchase posters, visit the Parliament Hill Boutique at www.parl.gc.ca/boutique (Teachers' Corner).

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