

TODAY...

OUR GOALS	YOUR PLAN
Story & Think/pair/share	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen quietly to the story• Think about it, share with partner and participate in discussion
Watch two videos about Canada's Democracy and the Constitution	Watch/listen quietly and take notes on the provided note sheet
Political Party Jigsaw	Work cooperatively, take notes, report back to your group to share info

Learning Outcomes



- ✓ Identify what kind of a government system we have in Canada
- ✓ Describe the rights and freedoms that we have as Canadian citizens
- ✓ Outline the key information/policies of the five major political parties in Canada

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Canada's Constitution & Charter of Rights & Freedoms

- Much of our Constitution is based on the idea that government power needs to be constrained, and the rights of individuals protected.

We are guaranteed:

1. **Rule of Law**
 - limits power of officials
2. **Freedom**
 - protects people with unpopular beliefs
3. **Democracy**
 - so gov't doesn't stay in power forever...
4. **Minority Rights**
 - prevents discrimination





Freedom of thought



Freedom of expression



Freedom of religion



Freedom of the press



Freedom of association

Right to vote

VOTE HERE

Right to run for office

VOTE FOR ME

Government must call an election at least every five years

VOTE FOR US

Government must hand over power if they are defeated

VOTE FOR

VOTE FOR US

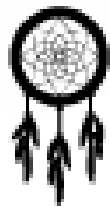
The Constitution says that governments must **treat everyone equally**, no matter what their race, religion or gender is.



However, the Constitution also provides **special rights** to certain minorities:



Canada's government, as well as courts, must **provide services in French**. Certain provinces **must offer education in the minority language** (French outside Quebec, English in Quebec).



Aboriginals also have special rights – for example the right not to pay income tax if they live on a reserve.

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regardless of race,
religion, or gender.

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(e.g. Aboriginal
rights)

Canada's Federal Political Parties



green
party of canada



**Conservative Party
of Canada**



BLOC
QUÉBÉCOIS



NDP

Liberal



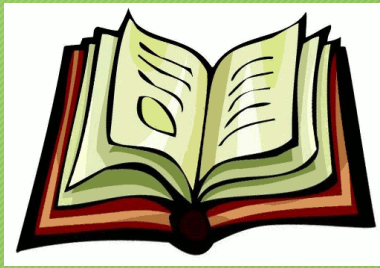
Your Task



Political Party Jigsaw

- The groups you are in now are your home groups
- Number off 1 to ___
- Move to meet with the other “1” students, etc.
- Now you are in your research groups (you should all have the same number)

Part 1: Research Group



1. Read through the information provided

2. Discuss what the most important points are



3. Write them down on your graphic organizer

Part 2: Home Group

1. Each group member will take turns sharing their information with their group (write it down...)
2. Now you should have a completed assignment! Yay teamwork! ;)



Ticket Out the Door...

Directions: Answer the following questions on a piece of paper; hand it to me before you leave class

Which political party do you think that your beliefs align best with? Why?

Which party would you be most likely to vote for if an election were held today?

