

How to use this Resource

This activity resource was designed by teachers, for teachers. Each lesson has several options available to easily adapt it to your particular classroom. Please use, modify, rearrange and choose from this resource as you see fit. We hope you find it easy to navigate and implement in your classroom.

The lessons build upon one another and have an easy flow, but they can also be used as stand-alone lessons depending on the needs of your classroom and schedule. Below you will find a brief description of the different features in each lesson.

Objective: Provides a brief summary of what the lesson entails and what knowledge students are expected to have acquired upon completion.

Key Words: Important words used in this lesson. These definitions can be found in the *Glossary* and in the *Background Information for Teachers* sections.

Questions to Explore During this Lesson: Key questions that may be used as an entry point to an opening discussion with students, or as guiding questions to keep you on track during the lesson.

Supplementary Tools: A list of handouts, worksheets, PowerPoints and videos developed to aid in the implementation of the lesson.

Teaching Strategies: Each lesson has been broken down into smaller teaching strategies to provide flexibility with the delivery of educational content and activities. You are encouraged to use the whole lesson, or pick and choose the items that would work best in your classroom and within your time frames.

Hook – Suggested opening activity, meant to pique interest in the topic and lesson.

Instruction – Summary of key information to be delivered through teacher instruction. PowerPoint presentations have been developed to support content delivery and they can be found on the dedicated project site (www.studentvote.ca).

Discussion – Questions and discussion topics aimed at getting students to think critically about different aspects of the lesson.

Activity – The main activity offered to help students achieve the key learning objective.

Debrief – Concluding questions designed to focus and reflect on the content delivered throughout the lesson. These questions can be used for further debate in class or assigned as a written reflection.

Extension Activities: Several alternate activities are provided and can be used instead of or in conjunction with the main activity. The hope is that at least one or more of the activity ideas will suit the needs of your classroom.

Background Information for Teachers: Important definitions and explanations of various concepts used throughout the lesson. This section has been included to support educators in understanding the subject matter.

External Resources: Additional resources and websites you may find useful. Titles are provided so you can find them easily with a search engine.

Following each lesson, you will find the corresponding worksheets and handouts. Following all of the lessons, you will find **Assessment Opportunities** (election scrapbook activity, a political knowledge quiz and rubrics) and the **Glossary**.