

ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are several options for assessing student learning and participation in activities related to the Student Vote program. Refer to this section for rubrics, a culminating quiz and options for ongoing assessment.

Election Scrapbook

The Election Scrapbook Assignment is an assignment designed to be used as an ongoing or cumulative assessment tool. Students can keep track of the people, events and issues of the campaign, and use questions from the *Debrief* sections to reflect on key topics. Students can also seek out and record, paste and/or review articles and other media. The assignment allows teachers to track student progress throughout the campaign period. Teachers may choose to adapt the assignment to make it shorter, or to fit it to particular interests or needs of the class. Scrapbooks can be assessed daily, weekly or as a culminating activity. A rubric has been included for this assignment.

Group Work

Within this resource, there are many suggested opportunities for student group work and assessment. For example, students work together to research and present a specific political party in their riding in Lesson 4 and, in Lesson 5, students may opt to work together to research and present on one of their local candidates. A group work rubric has been provided and may fit well with both of these activities or other group activities found in this resource.

Classroom Discussion

Debate and dialogue in a respectful and intellectual environment is a prime incubator for new thought. Politics is rife with controversial issues and polar arguments, and teachers are encouraged to allow students to work alongside one another and to question each others' viewpoints – while at the same time respecting others' opinions. Students can be assessed on their participation in class discussions. A rubric has been included.

Quiz

A quiz has been included to test student knowledge of Canadian government and our electoral process. You can use this quiz as a culminating activity to assess student learning.

Journal Reflections

Used as an assessment tool, a wrap-up to lessons or simply as a homework assignment, keeping a journal is a great way for students to further interpret and solidify their learning. Consider using questions from the *Debrief* sections within the lesson plans.

Student Vote Day

Students in charge of running the Student Vote program may be evaluated on their performance and commitment to organizing a free and fair election in the school.