

# How To Use This Resource

This resource is intended to improve civic literacy, introduce the concepts of democracy and elections, increase awareness about the workings of government in Canada, and teach students how to effectively participate as responsible citizens in their community.

The lessons build upon each other, but they can also be used as stand-alone activities depending on the needs of your classroom and schedule. Below is a brief description of the components of each lesson.

## **Guiding Questions:**

Critical queries to bring a clear focus to the lesson and direct student learning. Share these questions with students at the beginning of the lesson to support an awareness of the overarching learning outcomes and to enhance engagement.

## **Summary:**

Provides a brief summary of the learning and activities of the lesson.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

Concrete knowledge and competencies that students are expected to have acquired from the activities completed in each lesson.

## **Strategies:**

Each lesson has been broken down into three segments. You are encouraged to pick and choose from the strategies and related support tools that would work best in your classroom and within your time frames.

- **Starter:** Suggested opening activity, meant to pique interest in the topic and unit.
- **Activities:** A series of activities for learning and instruction to help students understand or apply the essential concepts and key competencies.
- **Consolidation:** Concluding activities and questions to summarize and demonstrate what was learned throughout the lesson.

## **Suggested Assessment:**

Possible ideas that teachers can use to assess student comprehension, learning needs and progress during the lesson or unit.

## **Adaptations and Supports:**

A few reminders and suggestions for English Language learners, culturally responsive pedagogy and accessibility and accommodation considerations have been included.

## **Background Information for Teachers:**

This information covers key terms and concepts related to the theme of the lesson. The purpose is to enhance teacher knowledge and understanding. Not all terms and concepts are covered in the lesson.