

Socials 11 Exam Review Sheet 1: Politics and Government

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrate understanding of the political spectrum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> define <i>totalitarianism, democracy, liberalism, conservatism, socialism, fascism, and communism</i> distinguish among Canada's and BC's major political parties in terms of policies, philosophies, and priorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain how Canadians can effect change at the federal and provincial levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the significance of the following in the workings of government: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> passage of legislation (including First, Second, and Third Reading; Royal Assent; private members bills) party discipline versus free votes cabinet patronage Order-in-Council compare mechanisms whereby public policy can be changed (e.g., elections, petitions and protests, lobbyists, special interest groups, court actions, media campaigns)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain how federal and provincial governments are formed in Canada 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe the elements of the electoral system (e.g., candidates, parties, constituencies, voting, election campaigns) distinguish between majority and minority government in terms of benefits and challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> describe major provisions of the Canadian constitution, including the <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms</i>, and assess its impact on Canadian society 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrate awareness of precursors to the Canadian constitution (e.g., <i>British North America Act, Bill of Rights</i>) explain the significance of the "notwithstanding clause" and amending formula identify Charter rights and fundamental freedoms (e.g., equality, mobility, legal rights, language rights, education) and potential limitations on those rights give examples of the impact of the Charter on Canadian society

Terms/Topics to Know

How a Bill becomes a Law

Private Members Bill

Cabinet

Patronage

Free Votes

Order-in-Council

Charter of Rights and Freedoms

Notwithstanding Clause

History of Constitution in Canada