

Socials 11 Exam Review Sheet 1: Politics and Government

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

## **Terms to Know**

The political spectrum

Totalitarianism

Democracy

Liberalism

Conservatism

Socialism

Facism

Communism

New Democrat Party

Liberal Party

Conservative Party

Green Party

Parti-Quebec

Majority Government

Minority Government

Coalition Government

Vote of Non-Confidence