

A New Party Is Born

For this assignment you and your group members will create a new political party that will run in the next Civics class election. You will work together during class and create a party platform containing the information below. Each group will receive a piece of chart paper to outline their party. As a group you will present your party to the rest of the class when we meet next. When we meet next, all of the presentations have been heard and then a vote will take place to determine who the winning party is. It is important to remember that you cannot vote for your own party – which means that you will have to work extra hard to convince others that your party is the best party.

You will need to include:

- A party name
- A logo for your party
- A description of what your party represents – for this, you will need to pick one topic or theme that best represents what your party is all about. For example: do you advocate for social justice? do you have an emphasis on the environment? are you an arts focused party?
- You will need to come up with platforms (what you believe and how your party views this issue) on each of the following topics:
 - Foreign policy with Europe
 - Relationship with the United States
 - Health care spending
 - The budget (which is currently in deficit)
 - Education
 - Crime
 - Pollution and the environment
 - Taxes
- You will need to go into greater depth with two of the platform topics – education and crime – and talk about how you would fix both of these problems here in Canada. You only need to list two or three things that you would do with each of these topics.

Each group will be given two marks – one for their thinking and inquiry (which will be drawn from how you attack and outline your platforms in relation to all of the themes listed above) and one for communication (based solely on your presentation). Your group mark will be the mark for each of the individuals in your group. This means that everybody needs to contribute – if I see that one person isn't helping out or pulling their weight, this will affect the mark of the entire group.