

Political Party Research

For the following assignment, you will be divided into groups of six and will be required to conduct research on one of the major political parties in Canada. You will be required to find out information on specific aspects of their policies and then create a one-page handout that will be given to the rest of the class. You will want to add detail and information into this handout: remember, you are now responsible for the learning of your classmates. Put just as much effort into this as you expect that they will.

You will need to find information for each of the parties on the following issues:

- 1) Health care spending
- 2) Education
- 3) Transportation
- 4) Taxation
- 5) The military and foreign policy
- 6) A brief history of the party

In addition to the above information, your group handout will also need to include the following information:

- a) Who is the current leader of the party?
- b) How did they do in the last federal election? Where is their strongest area of support?
- c) What is the mission statement of the party?
- d) What is the biggest issue for this party?
- e) Who, or what type of people, generally support this party?
- f) What are some of the pros and cons of this party?

As you are in groups of six people, it would be best to divide the information into manageable chunks; if you give each person one of the topics from the first list and another from the second list, and then combine the information into a handout, this will provide for a greater dissemination of information. Remember, you need to do a good job on this assignment – your classmates are counting on you!

Each group will be assigned one of the following major Canadian federal political parties:

- a) Conservatives
- b) Liberals
- c) New Democratic Party
- d) Bloc Quebecois
- e) Green Party

Groups will be responsible for creating a ONE PAGE handout that will be given to the rest of the class.

DUE DATE: _____

MONDAY MAY 16, 2011

Your Party:
Member 1
Member 2
Member 3
Member 4
Member 5
Member 6

Helpful Websites:

<http://www.conservative.ca/>

<http://www.liberal.ca/>

<http://www.ndp.ca/#>

<http://greenparty.ca/>

<http://www.blocquebecois.org/accueil.aspx>

Liberals	

Conservatives	

NDP	

Bloc	

Green	