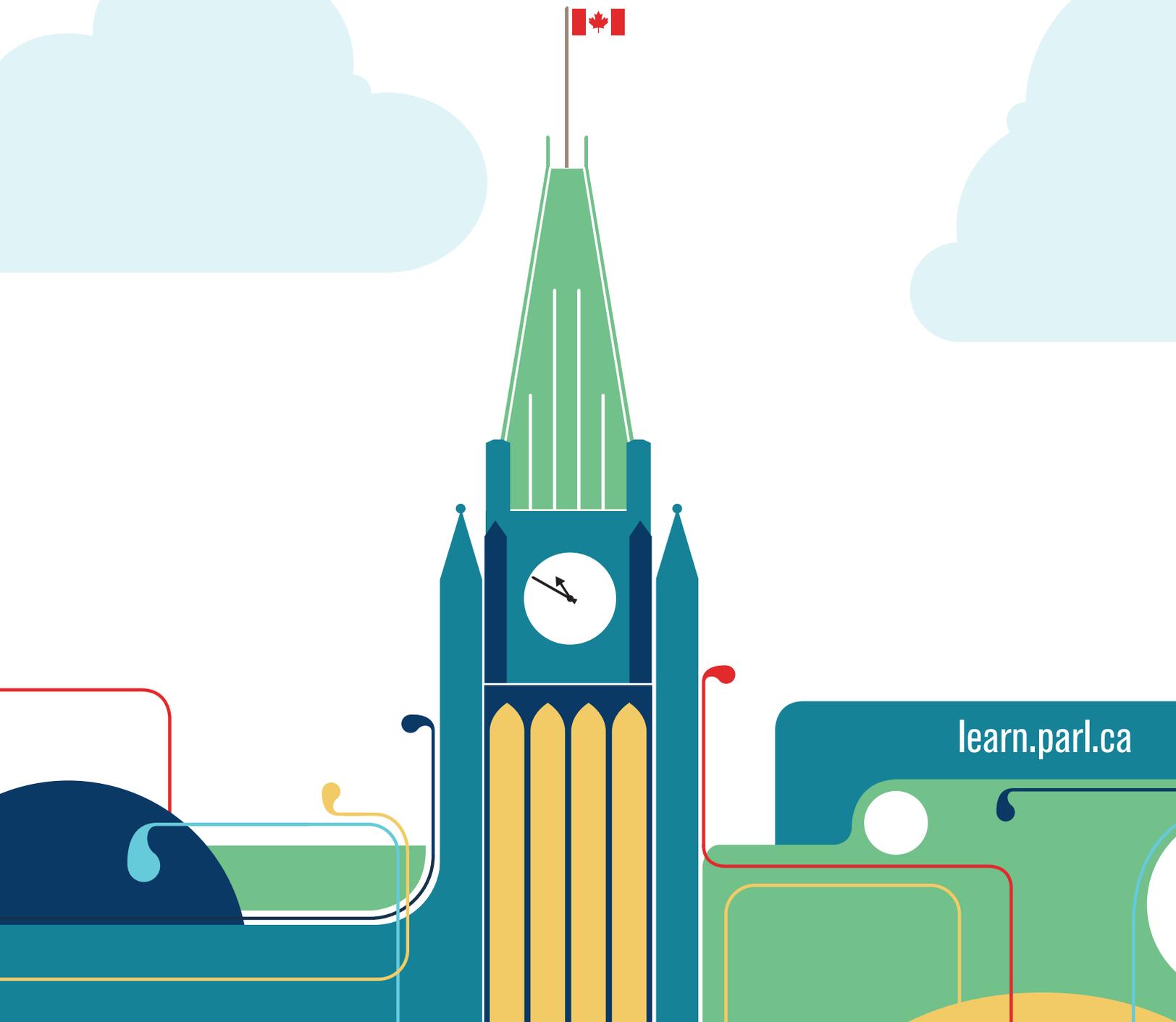




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# BRING PARLIAMENT TO YOUR CLASSROOM

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS



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# DISCOVER OUR RESOURCES

Looking for inspiration for teaching civics, history or another subject? Need activities and lesson plans to help your students understand governance?

**The Parliament of Canada can help, with free tools for teachers and students of all ages.**

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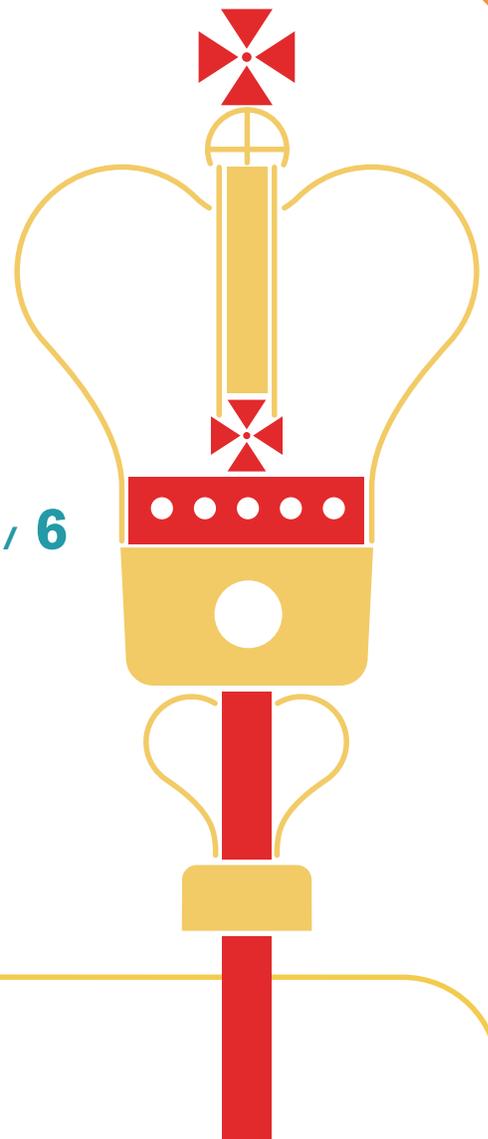
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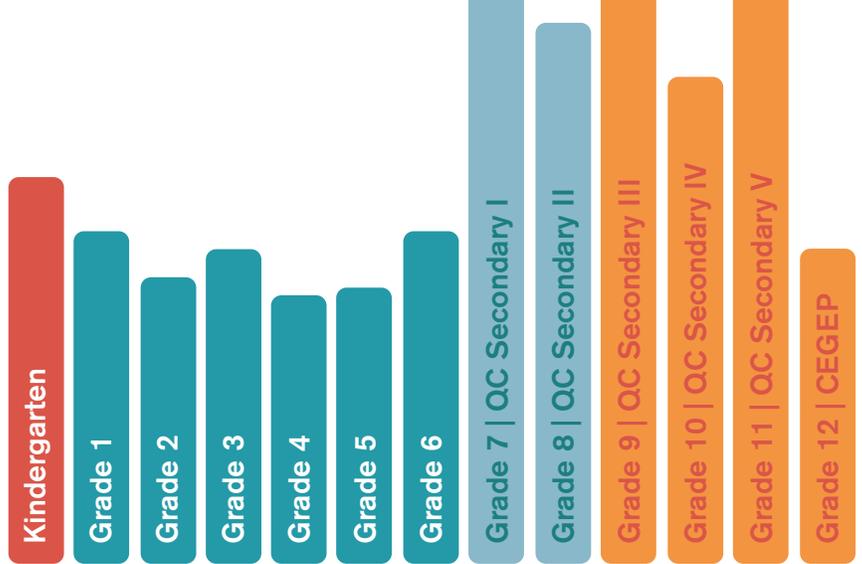
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## CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



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## CLASSROOM PUBLICATIONS

Senate of Canada Activity Book

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▲ *Bill on the Hill* may be adapted to older learners, in grades 7 to 11 (QC Secondary I to V).

\* *Our Country, Our Parliament* and the associated web resource can be adapted to ESL and FSL students in grades 9 to 12 (QC Secondary III to CEGEP).

# CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



Teacher's guide



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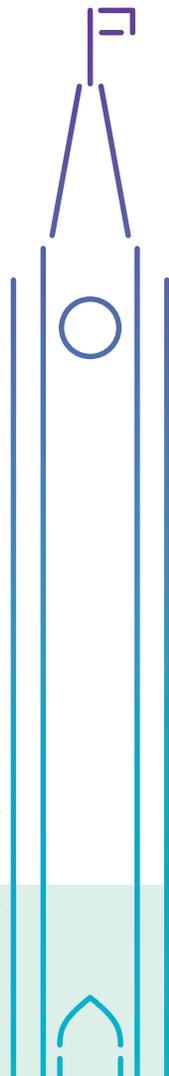
Games/puzzles/  
quizzes



Video

## Parliament: The Classroom Experience

[learn.parl.ca/VR](http://learn.parl.ca/VR)



### Grades 8 to 12 QC Secondary Cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP

#### Travel to the heart of democracy in virtual reality.

This one-of-a-kind learning program gives students the chance to experience Parliament in VR. Register for a Classroom Kit and receive:

- VR gear for up to 23 students
- Access to the immersive experience of Parliament
- Four complementary lesson plans

#### Set Up and Go

The VR Classroom Kit contains everything you need to run the experience – no internet connection or devices required!





## Searching for Symbols

[parl.gc.ca/symbols](http://parl.gc.ca/symbols)



## Bill on the Hill

[parl.gc.ca/bill](http://parl.gc.ca/bill)



## Parliamentary Committee Simulation

[parl.gc.ca/comsim](http://parl.gc.ca/comsim)



**K to Grade 3**  
**QC Primary cycles 1 + 2**

**Introduce young learners to Parliament with simple games.**

Using games and storytelling, this resource familiarizes students with:

- Parliament and the Canadian government
- Icons like the maple leaf, fleur-de-lis and thunderbird
- Concepts of symbolism and identity

### Did You Know?

If your class is in Ottawa during the school year, you can visit Canada's Parliament at two unique locations. See page 10 for details.

**Grades 4 to 6**  
**QC Primary cycles 2 + 3**

**Guide Bill on his interactive journey from creation to Royal Assent!**

How are laws made in Canada? Working individually or in groups, students are challenged to:

- Create a bill of their own choosing
- Move it through all stages of the legislative process
- Debate, think critically and make complex decisions

### Tuning In

Looking for videos about Parliament? Visit us at [youtube.com/parlyouth](http://youtube.com/parlyouth)

**Grades 4 to 6 and 9 to 11**  
**QC Primary cycles 2 + 3 and Secondary cycles 1 + 2**

**Discover the important work done by parliamentary committees.**

In this simulation, you and your students stage a committee meeting to study a mock bill. Participants:

- Learn about a key step in the legislative process
- Improve their oral presentation skills
- Work collaboratively

### Role Play

The activity includes role cards for up to 30 people. Depending on their interests, students can be Senators, MPs, witnesses, clerks or journalists.



## Explore Our Country, Our Parliament

[parl.gc.ca/explore](http://parl.gc.ca/explore)



**Grades 5 to 8; ESL and FSL students Grades 9 to 12**  
**QC Primary cycle 3;**  
**Secondary cycles**  
**1 + 2 and CEGEP**

**Encourage your students to understand Canada's parliamentary democracy and how it impacts them.**

With games, videos and activities, this comprehensive resource makes learning about governance easy. Choose from the following themes for your class:

- Confederation and the Constitution
- The federal, provincial and municipal levels of government
- Elections and voting
- The roles of the Crown, Senate and House of Commons
- The national capital and the Parliament Buildings
- How to get involved

## Teachers' Tip

Use the Word Builder to boost your students' vocabulary. It may be especially helpful for those learning English as a second language.



## Discover How Canadians Govern Themselves

[parl.gc.ca/discover](http://parl.gc.ca/discover)



**Grades 8 to 12**  
**QC Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP**

**Help your students understand Canada's system of government through puzzles, games and more.**

Based on the popular publication *How Canadians Govern Themselves*, this in-depth resource highlights three main themes:

- Canada's democratic system, from 1608 to the present
- How government affects our daily lives
- How Parliament works: its structure, process and key players

## Who's in charge?

Play *Touchpoints* to learn how Canada's three levels of government influence your and your students' lives.



## Setting the Agenda

[parl.gc.ca/agenda](http://parl.gc.ca/agenda)



**Grades 6 to 10**  
**QC Primary cycle 3 to**  
**Secondary cycle 2**

**Make tough choices to plan a day in the life of a parliamentarian.**

What's it really like to be a Senator or an MP? This dynamic activity requires students to juggle professional and personal commitments in real time. Participants:

- Learn what parliamentarians do, in and outside of the Chamber
- Establish goals and priorities
- Develop their organizational skills



## Parliament in the News

[parl.gc.ca/news](http://parl.gc.ca/news)



**Grades 7 to 12**  
**QC Secondary cycles**  
**1 + 2 and CEGEP**

**Find out what the news communicates about Parliament and its impact on citizens.**

In this activity, students research news stories (either online or in print) and consider what they have to say about Parliament. A range of activities encourages learners to:

- Better understand the parliamentary system
- Connect to and interact with their representatives
- Become informed and conscientious readers



## Model Parliament Unit

[parl.gc.ca/mpu](http://parl.gc.ca/mpu)



**Grades 10 to 12**  
**QC Secondary cycle 2**  
**+ CEGEP**

**Transform your classroom into a mock parliament!**

This immersive simulation can be adapted to different grade levels and class time. With a range of options available, it is designed to meet your class's needs and interests. Participants:

- Learn how democracy works
- Develop research and presentation skills
- Learn how to negotiate and debate

## Pop Quiz

You can also use this resource to put your students' knowledge to the test. Look out for parliamentary trivia questions throughout the activity.

## Keep It Going

Try using this resource as a basis for further assignments, like writing an article about Parliament or keeping a news diary.

## True to Life

To make sure that students' experience is as realistic as possible, the unit includes scripts with the actual wording used in Parliament.

# TEACHERS INSTITUTE ON CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY



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WEEK AT PARLIAMENT.

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# What Is It?

The Teachers Institute is an intensive professional development program. Participants spend a week at Parliament, gaining an insider's perspective on civic life in Canada and exchanging ideas with fellow educators from across the country.



## You will

- **Learn** from political, procedural and pedagogical experts
- **Discuss** key issues in citizenship and parliamentary democracy
- **Develop** strategies for teaching Parliament, democracy, governance and citizenship
- **Take** what you learn back to your classroom



## Highlights

- **Meet** parliamentarians, including the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons
- **Hear** from parliamentary experts, senior parliamentary officials, journalists and lobbyists
- **See** Parliament in action

**“This is a one-of-a-kind experience. I can’t wait to go back to my classroom and inspire my students with a passion for democracy.”**

- Teacher from Alberta

**“An amazing opportunity. I am leaving with multiple ideas to share and teach.”**

- Participant from Saskatchewan

## How Do I Apply?

To learn more and apply online, visit [parl.gc.ca/teachers](http://parl.gc.ca/teachers)

# CLASSROOM PUBLICATIONS



Visit [learn.parl.ca](http://learn.parl.ca) to access, download and order a variety of free bilingual educational publications about Parliament.

# FROM CLASSWORK TO HOMEWORK



## Senate of Canada Activity Book

**Grades 4 to 10 / QC Primary cycles 2+3; Secondary cycles 1+2**

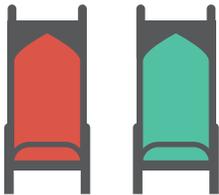
This activity book helps students learn about the Senate's history and role in Parliament through engaging activities and games.



## Get to Know the House of Commons

**Grades 4 to 6 / QC Primary cycles 2 + 3**

A junior-level pamphlet that gives a basic overview of the House of Commons.



## At Work in the Senate

## At Work in the House of Commons

**Grades 7 to 12 / QC Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP**

These colourful brochures feature detailed photos of the two Chambers of Parliament, explaining who's who and the work they do.



## Our Country, Our Parliament

**Grades 5 to 8; ESL and FSL students grades 9 to 12  
QC Primary cycle 3; Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP**

*Our Country, Our Parliament* offers in-depth information about Canada's system of governance, with accessible content designed for younger readers.

A complementary online resource is available. See page 4.



## How Canadians Govern Themselves

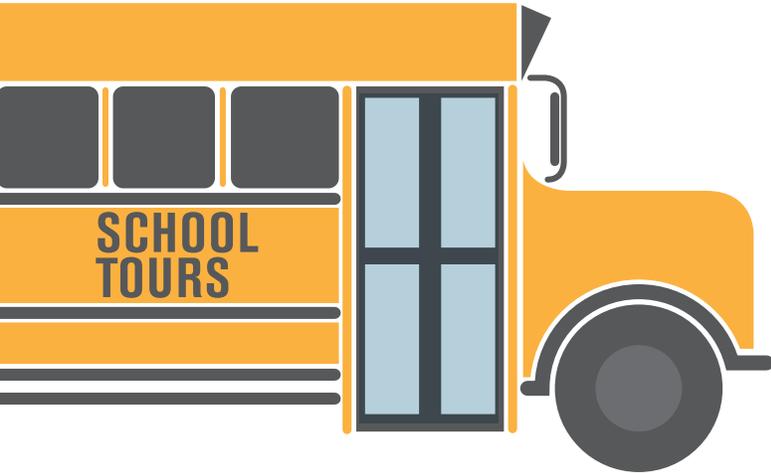
**Grades 8 to 12 / QC Secondary cycles 1 + 2 and CEGEP**

This comprehensive publication gives older students a deeper understanding of democracy, government and the history and functions of Parliament.

A complementary online resource is available. See page 4.

## Did You Know?

The Parliamentary Boutique also offers products and resources of interest to teachers. Go to [parl.gc.ca/boutique](http://parl.gc.ca/boutique) to browse the selection and learn about ordering.



# EXPERIENCE PARLIAMENT IN PERSON

Are you planning a class trip to the National Capital Region? Make sure to include free guided tours of Parliament!

Centre Block is currently closed for a multi-year renovation. During this time, the Senate is located in the Senate of Canada Building and the House of Commons is in West Block.

## Guided Tours

All grade levels

## Senate of Canada

Explore the Senate at the newly renovated Senate of Canada Building – Ottawa's historic train station – to learn about the unique role and history of Canada's Upper Chamber.

## House of Commons

Discover the history, functions, art and architecture of the House of Commons on a tour of the newly restored West Block - one of Parliament's oldest buildings.

Take a video tour of the Senate of Canada and the House of Commons at [youtube.com/PARlyouth](https://youtube.com/PARlyouth).

**Group tours must be reserved in advance at [visit.parl.ca](https://visit.parl.ca).**

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