



Educational Resources

MODEL PARLIAMENT UNIT – SENATE ROLE ASSIGNMENTS

Group S1 – Cabinet

This group is responsible for:

- Opening of Sitting
- Senators' Statements
- Tabling of Documents
- Presentation of Committee Reports
- Introduction and First Reading of a Bill
- Presentation of Petitions
- Question Period
- Second Reading of a Bill
- Committee Meetings

ROLE		STUDENT'S NAME
1	Leader of the Government in the Senate	
2	Government Senator	
3	Government Senator	
4	Government Senator (Deputy Leader in the Senate)	
5	Government Senator (Whip)	
6	Government Senator (Committee Chair)	
7	Government Senator	
8	Government Senator	
9	Government Senator	
10	Government Senator	
11	Government Senator	
12	Government Senator	
13	Government Senator	



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14	Government Senator	
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Group S2 – Opposition in the Senate

This group is responsible for:

- Opening of Sitting
- Senators' Statements
- Presentation of Committee Reports
- Presentation of Petitions
- Question Period
- Second Reading of a Bill
- Committee Meetings

	ROLE	STUDENT'S NAME
15	Leader of the Opposition Party in the Senate	
16	Opposition Senator	
17	Opposition Senator	
18	Opposition Senator (Deputy Leader in the Senate)	
19	Opposition Senator (Whip)	
20	Opposition Senator (Committee Member with dissenting opinion)	
21	Opposition Senator	



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Group S3 – Independent Senators

This group is responsible for:

- Opening of Sitting
- Senators' Statements
- Presentation of Committee Reports
- Presentation of Petitions
- Question Period
- Second Reading of a Bill
- Committee Meetings

ROLE		STUDENT'S NAME
22	Independent Senator	
23	Independent Senator	
24	Independent Senator	

Group S4 – Third Party Senators

This group is responsible for:

- Opening of Sitting
- Senators' Statements
- Presentation of Committee Reports
- Presentation of Petitions
- Question Period
- Second Reading of a Bill
- Committee Meetings

ROLE		STUDENT'S NAME
25	Third Party Senator	
26	Third Party Senator (Committee Member with dissenting opinion)	



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Group S5 – Presiding Officer and Parliamentary Officials

This group is responsible for:

- Parliamentary procedures
- All document transactions
- Staff

ROLE		SIMULATION	STUDENT’S NAME
27	Speaker	This person plays a key role in Opening of Sitting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presiding over sitting by calling each activity, recognizing Senators who rise to speak, casting a deciding vote (if necessary) 	
28	Clerk of the Senate	This person plays a key role in Opening of Sitting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available throughout sitting 	
29	Usher of the Black Rod	This person plays a key role in Opening of Sitting (carries Mace) : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring security (removes misbehaving member, if necessary) 	
30	Page	This person plays a key role in Running errands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering documents for the Speaker, the Clerk and Senators 	