



Educational Resources

MODEL PARLIAMENT UNIT – ASSESSMENT: PRESENTATION ASSIGNMENT

Now that you have completed the Model Parliament Unit, it's time to think about your experience and relate it to some of the issues surrounding this important institution.

Your assignment is to create a presentation on one of the topics listed below.

Choose one of the following formats:

- Host a town hall meeting and involve your classmates in the discussion. The meeting should begin with a panel presentation to introduce and develop the topic, and end with a summary of the discussion.
- Create and record a radio or television broadcast of a talk show on a particular issue. A "phone-in" component could be included.
- Design a newspaper editorial page. Include a political cartoon, editorial, political column and letters to the editor.
- Prepare an individual oral or visual presentation on the topic of your choice. The format is to be approved by the teacher.

Your presentation should:

- include alternate points of view
- provide reasons to support the alternate points of view
- support your arguments using relevant examples
- reach a conclusion

Presentation Topics

Explore one of the following topics. In your preparation, draw upon your experience in the Model Parliament resource.

1. Canada's parliamentary system works slowly. This slowness, however, is necessary.
2. A Member of Parliament's primary responsibility is to represent his or her constituency. The party system in Parliament, however, works against this.
3. The media provides Canadians with an accurate picture of what happens in Parliament.
4. An individual Member of Parliament can make a significant contribution to Canada through our parliamentary system.
5. Canadians are better served by a minority government.
6. Canada should have an elected Senate.



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7. Parliament provides Canadians with a method of settling disputes without resorting to violence.
8. Committees are a wasteful and unnecessary step in the parliamentary process.
9. Through Parliament, Canadians have a real opportunity to influence the making of laws.
10. Parliamentary procedures are more formal than they need to be.
11. Generate your own essay topic based on your experience in the Model Parliament. Have the topic approved by your teacher before you begin.