What is Civics?

Civics involves the study of:

- 1) Government
- 2) Democratic decision making
- 3) What it means to be an INFORMED ACTIVE

& RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

Why is this course compulsory?

- 1. To learn how to be a better citizen (being informed and getting involved in issues in the community, nation and world)
- 2. To learn about rights and responsibilities (how government works and how to change things for the better)
- 3. To learn about Canadian Government and Politics

Let's Discuss

How involved are you in your community? Give examples.

What would you like to do or change in your community? Ex. Skateboarding park

How would you bring about the desired change?

Canada is a country that:

- Is free and democratic
- Is multicultural
- Has two official languages
- Extends equal treatment to all citizens

Definitions:

Citizen

Someone who by <u>birth</u> or by <u>choice</u> is a member of a nation or state and enjoys the <u>rights</u> of that state as well as the <u>responsibilities</u> to that state.

Definitions:

Citizenship

The Condition of being given the <u>rights</u>, <u>duties</u>, and <u>responsibilities</u> as a member of a state or nation

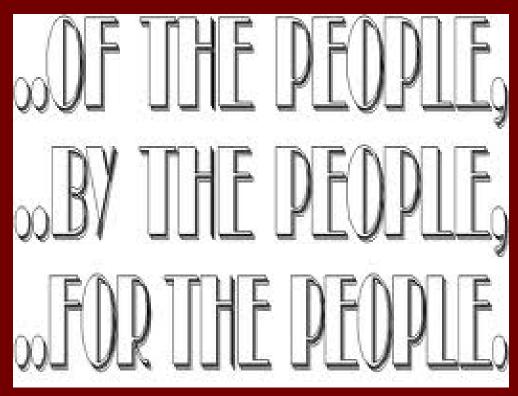
Civics

The study of the <u>rights</u> and <u>duties</u> of citizenship

Definitions:

Government

The <u>elected</u>
representatives of a province or country responsible for administering and <u>controlling</u> the affairs of that province or country.



Citizenship implies the following responsibilities:

- to obey Canada's <u>laws</u>
- to <u>vote</u> in the federal, provincial and municipal elections
- to eliminate <u>discrimination</u> and <u>injustice</u>
- to respect the <u>rights</u> of others to respect public and private property
- to support Canada's ideals, building the country we all share