

What is Civics?

Civics involves the study of:

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

INFORMED

ACTIVE

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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 birth or by choice is a member of a nation or state and enjoys the rights of that state as well as the responsibilities to that state.

Definitions:

Citizenship

- The Condition of being given the rights, duties, and responsibilities as a member of a state or nation

Civics

- The study of the rights and duties of citizenship

Definitions:

Government

- The elected representatives of a province or country responsible for administering and controlling the affairs of that province or country.

OF THE PEOPLE,
BY THE PEOPLE,
FOR THE PEOPLE.

Citizenship implies the following responsibilities:

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