

LESSON 2

THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM

CURRICULUM LINKS

CPC30 – Overall Expectations

- A1. Political Inquiry: use the political inquiry process and the concepts of political thinking when investigating issues, events, and developments of civic importance
- A2. Developing Transferable Skills: apply in everyday contexts skills developed through investigations related to civics and citizenship education, and identify some careers in which civics and citizenship education might be an asset
- B1. Factors Affecting Political Engagement: analyse how various factors can contribute to, and present a barrier to, their own and others' political engagement
- B2. Issues of Political Importance: explain the political importance of some current issues and analyse various perspectives associated with these issues

CPC30 – Specific Expectations

- A1.3 assess the credibility of sources relevant to their investigations (e.g., the reliability of the evidence presented in a source; the purpose, intended audience, and context of a source; the bias, values, and expertise of the speaker/author)
- A1.5 use the concepts of political thinking (i.e., political significance, objectives and results, stability and change, and political perspective) when analysing and evaluating evidence, data, and information and formulating conclusions and/or judgements about issues of political importance in various communities and ways to address them
- A1.6 evaluate and synthesize their findings to formulate conclusions and/or make informed judgements or predictions about the issues they are investigating
- A2.2 demonstrate in everyday contexts attributes, skills, and work habits developed through investigations into issues of political importance
- A2.3 apply the concepts of political thinking when analysing current events relating to issues of political importance at the local, national, and/or global level (e.g., an election result, a political protest, the release of a report by a government commission or a non-governmental organization [NGO] investigating a specific issue, an action taken by a political leader), in order to enhance their understanding of these issues and their role as informed citizens
- B1.1 identify some agents of political socialization, and analyse how these agents affect their own personal political beliefs and engagement of others
- B1.2 describe their own personal attitudes towards political engagement, including the extent and type of involvement they think appropriate
- B2.1 explain the political importance of some current local, national, and/or global issues