

Investigating Citizenship: An Interview About Rights and Responsibilities



STEMS: You will demonstrate your understanding and be assessed through the following:

- Manages and evaluates information and ideas
- Constructs meaning and makes connections through speaking
- Constructs meaning and makes connections through listening
- Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of citizenship and identity
- Explores events and issues from different points of view
- Demonstrates skills and processes for inquiry and research
- Writes to develop, organize and express information and ideas

Purpose: Through the process of designing questions, interviewing, and reporting, you will deepen your understanding of the rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizens. You will also be able to identify your most engaging and thought provoking questions, and learn about beginning research through the interview process.

Task : Conduct and report on an interview by completing the following steps:

- ☐ Formulate appropriate questions
- ☐ Interview one or more family members
- ☐ Create a brief report on your findings

Step #1: Create Interview Questions

- ☐ In a small group generate a list of potential questions
- ☐ Evaluate and refine your questions
- ☐ As a class we will review and share questions

Step#2: Conduct Interview

- ☐ Interview a guardian, parent, or other family member using the questions developed in class
- ☐ Record the interview if you have suitable technology for recording and/or take thorough notes about the interview
- ☐ Record a minimum of three direct quotes from the interview

Step#3: Write a news brief

- ☐ Include your name and the name of the person you interviewed
- ☐ Describe the rights and responsibilities you understand a citizen to have based on your interview
- ☐ Include a minimum of three quotes that you might use in a future news article
- ☐ Describe the most important thing you learned from the interview
- ☐ Share insights from your brief in class discussion

Extension: Write a news article about citizenship using the data generated in your interview

- ☐ Create an engaging headline
- ☐ Write an article about rights and responsibilities of Canadian citizens