

DO YOU KNOW TORONTO?

Use the document, [Toronto's Vital Signs](#), to help you determine if your Before Lesson thinking is correct. Find the correct answers in the document and take down relevant FACTS about the topic, then indicate if the statement is actually true or false.

BEFORE LESSON TRUE OR FALSE	STATEMENT STATEMENTS IN YELLOW ARE MANDATORY, GREEN ARE OPTIONAL	AFTER LESSON TRUE OR FALSE
T F	1. Most Torontonians have close friends and close relatives to help them through life. Facts:	T F
T F	2. Since the pandemic, on average, most Torontonians have experienced improvement in their mental health. Facts:	T F
T F	3. Toronto is one of the loneliest places in Canada. Facts:	T F
T F	4. Female students are more likely to experience high stress and serious mental health issues than male students. Facts:	T F
T F	5. Today, Black and Indigenous students are experiencing more success in school in Toronto. Facts:	T F
T F	6. In 2023, Black Torontonians were more involved in sports and recreational activities. Facts:	T F
T F	7. Everyone in Toronto basically has the same access to recreation/community centres and other community services. Facts:	T F
T F	8. Everyone in Toronto basically has the same access to green space (parks). Facts:	T F
T F	9. Today, Torontonians' wages are increasing and household incomes are going up. Facts:	T F
T F	10. The rise in remote work arrangement has led to the increase in loneliness and high stress level. Facts:	T F
T F	11. Violent offences against passengers on the TTC have increased by 50% since the beginning of the pandemic. Facts:	T F
T F	12. Toronto is a very safe city. Facts:	T F
T F	13. The groups who experience the most discrimination in Toronto are racialized communities. <i>(Frequently referred to as 'visible minorities' the term 'racialized communities' encompasses all people that are non-Caucasian in race or non-white in colour)</i> Facts:	T F

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T F	14. If you earn minimum wage in Toronto (\$16.55/hr), you can afford a basic one-bedroom apartment. Facts:	T F
T F	15. Black renters are evicted at far greater rates than any other group in Toronto. (evicted means your landlord is forcing you to leave their property, they want you out) Facts:	T F
T F	16. Torontonians are eating less due to a lack of funds. Facts:	T F
T F	17. If you make enough money to afford the basic necessities of life like housing and food, your mental health is good. Facts:	T F
	BONUS CHALLENGE STATEMENTS - these statements require a little more reading! Use your searching abilities in the full report , to figure out which of the following statements are true or false. THESE ARE OPTIONAL, FOR BONUS STAMPS/CREDIT.	
T F	18. Most Torontonians aren't involved in organizations in their community. Facts:	T F
T F	19. Due to inflation, Torontonians are using their credit and savings to pay for the rising expenses. Facts:	T F
T F	20. If you are rich in Toronto (in the top 1% of income earners), you just keep getting richer. Facts:	T F
T F	21. About 4 in every 10 young women in Toronto (between 25-29 years old) experience food insecurity. That is 40% of all young women. Facts:	T F
T F	22. Toronto has enough shelter space on a daily basis to shelter most of its homeless population. Facts:	T F

TORONTO'S VITAL SIGNS: SOCIAL ISSUES (please choose a different colour text for your responses)

PART ONE: GUT CHECK

1. Comparing your BEFORE and AFTER lesson thinking from the chart above, did you really know Toronto? Explain.
2. What surprised you from the report?
3. Have your perceptions and perspective of your city changed? If so, how?
4. List what you believe to be pressing social issues in the city of Toronto after reading the Vital Signs report:

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PART TWO: WHAT SHOULD WE WORRY ABOUT? POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

What social issue/challenge do **YOU** feel is the most SIGNIFICANT for Toronto (the most urgent?) Use the concept of political significance to help you formulate your response.

- ★ Remember these prompts from Lesson 1:
 - What is the impact of this issue on communities/groups in Toronto?
 - Is the impact long-lasting?
 - Who is this issue important to?
 - Are many people affected – positively or negatively?
 - Are the differences between supporters and opponents great?

Plan your response below! You can respond visually, using a mind map, audio response or written response.

Length: 200 words

Sample criteria for evaluating political significance	Definitely not	Probably not	Probably	Definitely
Is the impact long lasting?				
Is the impact extreme—positively or negatively?				
Are many people affected—positively or negatively?				
Does it directly affect you, your family, friends, and/or community?				
Are many people for and/or against it?				
Are the differences between supporters and opponents great?				
Is it an ethical issue involving right and wrong?				

ROUGH PLANNING:

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Application	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Response shows ability to apply the concept of political significance to social issues in Toronto	basic understanding of the concept basic understanding of the issue	satisfactory understanding of the concept satisfactory understanding of the issue	good understanding of the concept good understanding of the issue	thorough understanding of the concept thorough understanding of the issue