

Explorations 11 - Systems of Government Comparison

Course: Explorations in Social Studies 11

Title: Systems of Government Comparison

Length & Timing:

- 400600 words or comparison chart + explanation
- 23 classes

Focus:

Systems of power and governance; democratic vs non-democratic systems.

Comparison Options (Teacher selects ONE pair):

1. Canada vs. another democracy (e.g., UK, Germany).
2. Canada vs. a non-democratic or hybrid regime.
3. Two different electoral or political systems.

Student Instructions:

1. Identify:

- How leaders are chosen.
- How laws are made.
- How rights and freedoms are protected or limited.

2. Present your comparison as:

- A table or chart plus a 250300 word written explanation;

OR

- A 400600 word comparative paragraph/short essay.

3. Comment briefly on:

- Which system provides stronger protections for citizens, and why.

Teacher Grading Criteria:

Accurate Description (/15)

- Correct basic features of each system.

Comparison (/10)

- Clear similarities and differences.

Evaluation (/10)

- Reasoned comment on protections for citizens.

Organization & Clarity (/10)

Conventions (/5)

Total: /50