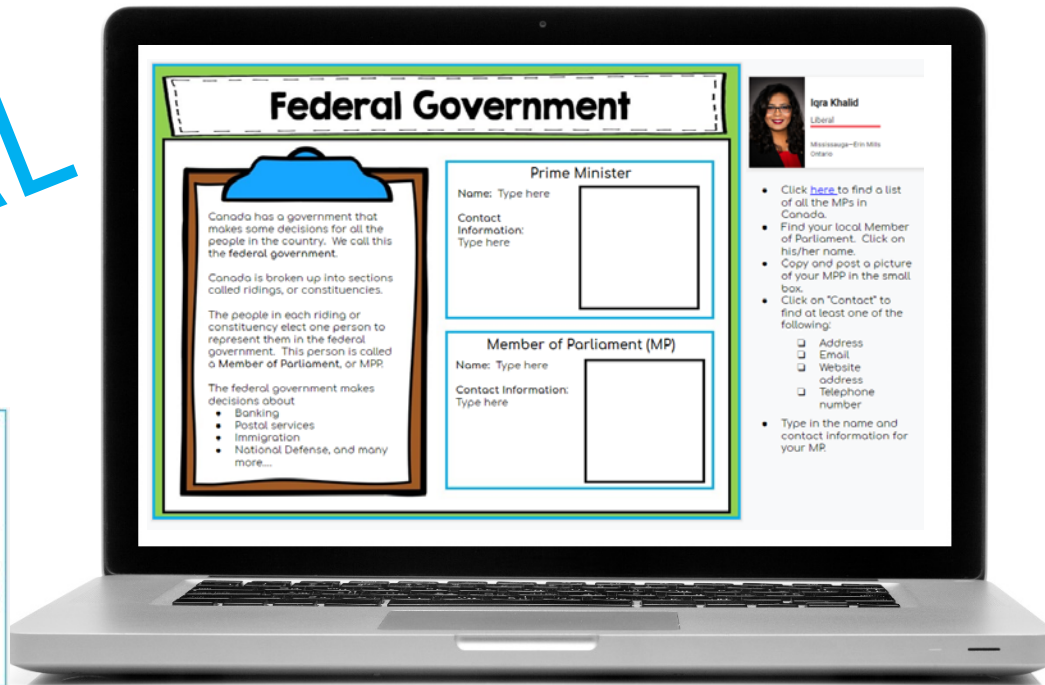


# Canadian Government & Citizenship

## Grade 5 Social Studies

DIGITAL



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**My Issue:**

**My Questions**

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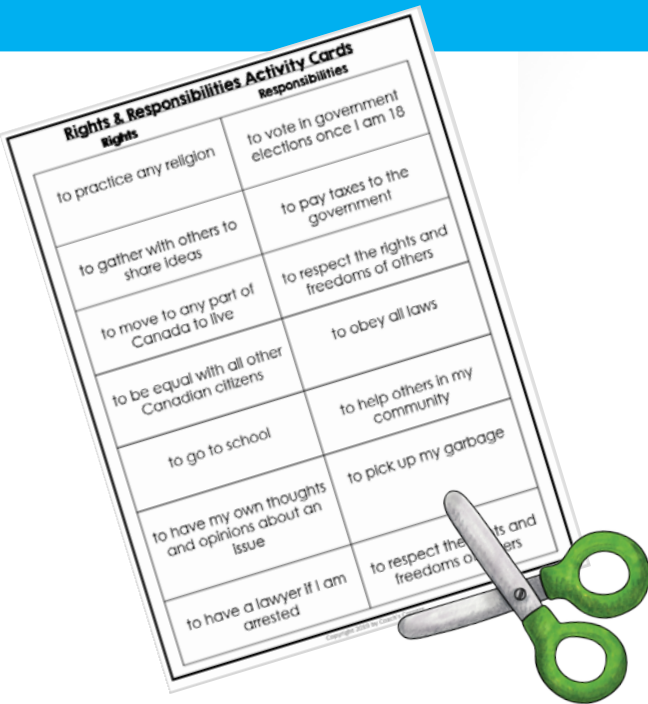
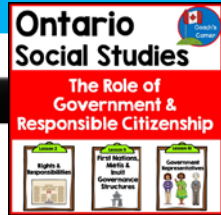
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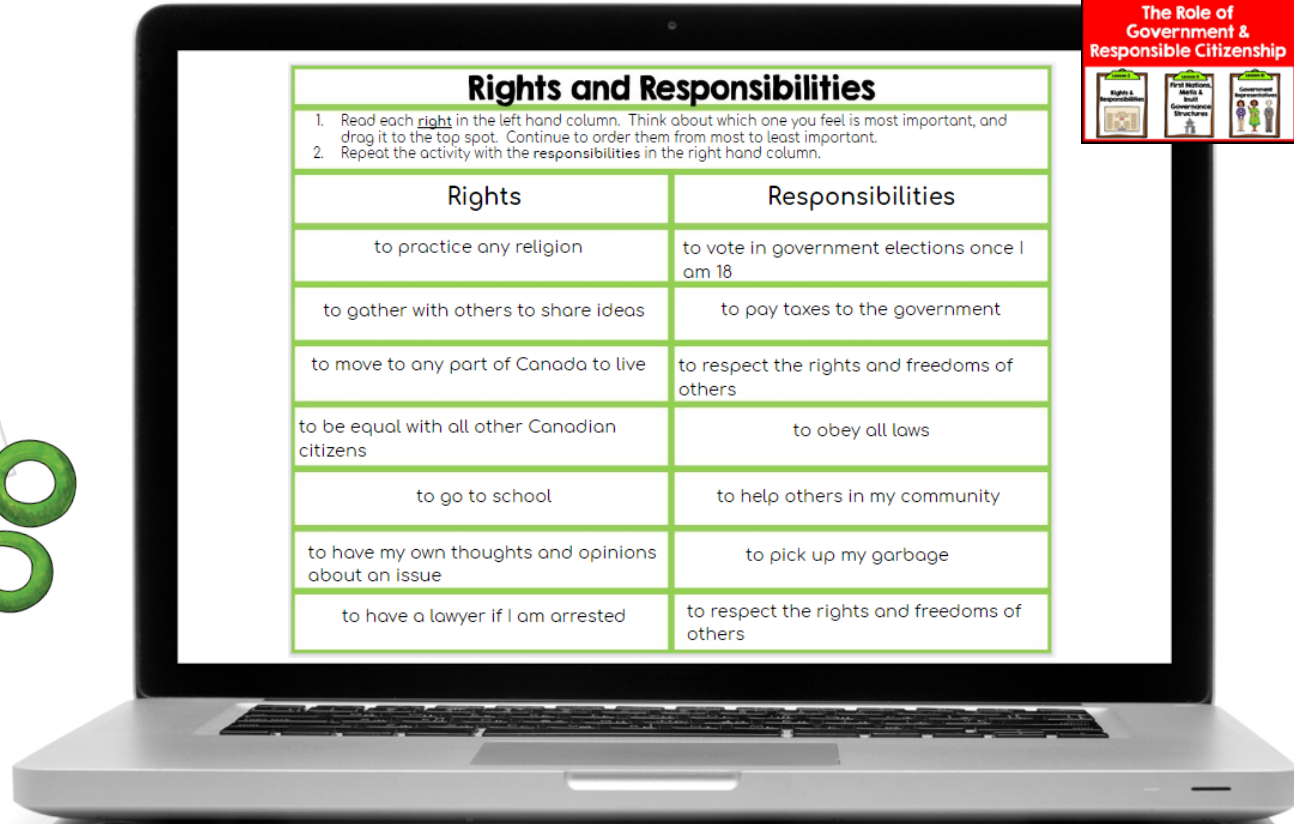
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# Activities Adapted from Full Unit



Full Unit: Students  
Cut Apart Cards &  
Reorder Them

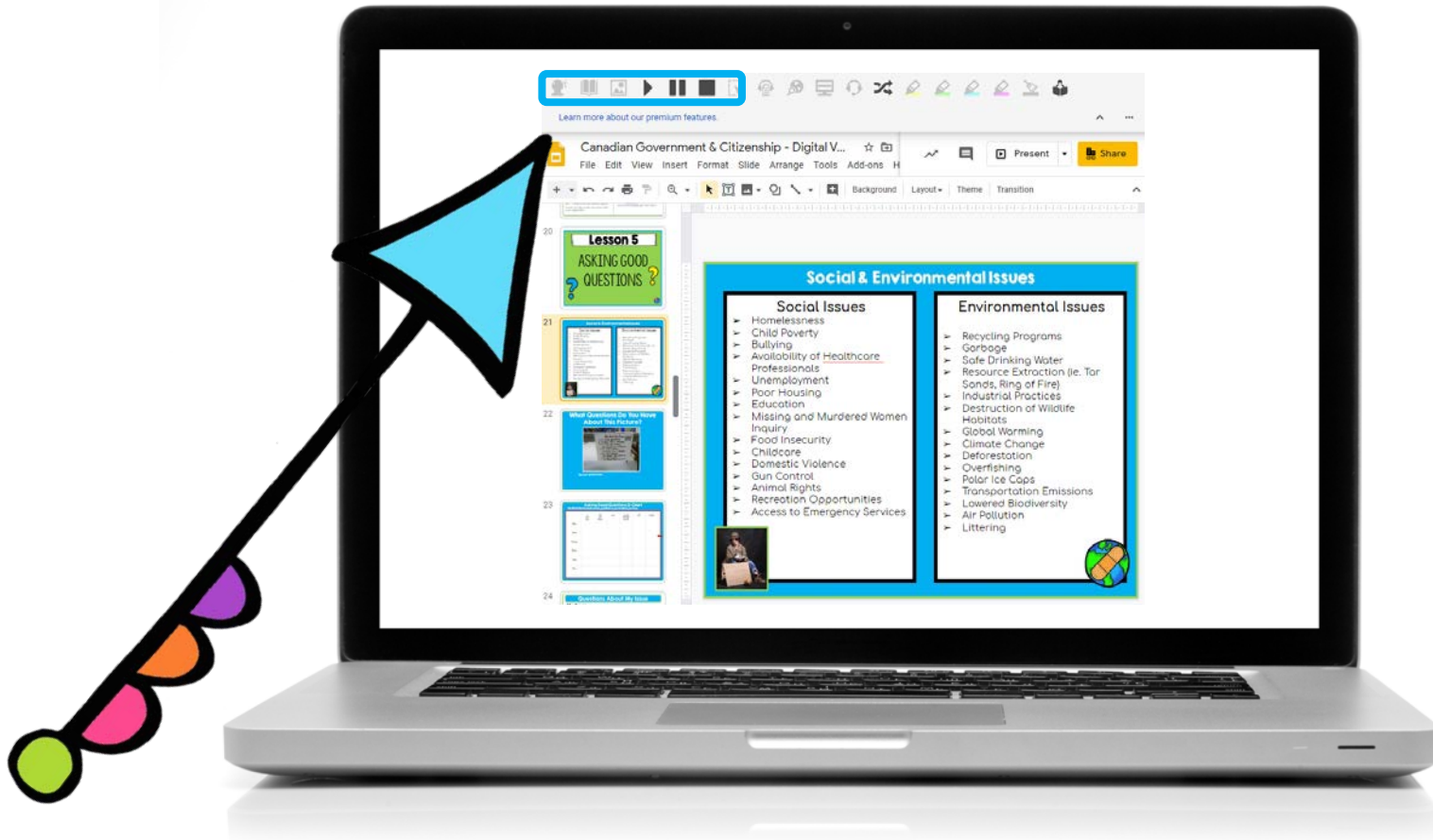


Digital Unit: Students drag the cards to put  
them in order!

# Perfect for Students with IEPs



# Students Can Use Google Read & Write



**Students can listen to text.**

# Perfect for distance learning!



## Students can type in answers

# Helpful Teacher Tips

## Teachers:

- The main unit has students looking through a variety of newspapers and magazines to locate different types of issues.
- If you have particular websites that you feel would work best for your students, you can link them under the "Students' section on the other side of this slide.

## Local, Regional, and National Issues

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- **Local Issues** are found in our own city, town, or rural area. If a school in your town might be shut down, that would be a local issue.
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## Students:

- Drag each word under the issue it belongs to.

Local

Regional

National

- In each box, type the name of at least 3 issues.
- Check this [video](#) to see some issues that are now being talked about!

# Links & Instructions for Students



# Lessons

1. Introduction
2. Rights & Responsibilities
3. Local, Regional, & National Issues
4. Level of Governments
5. First Nations, Métis, & Inuit Governance Structures
6. Asking Good Questions About My Topic
7. Perspectives
8. How Citizens Affect Change
9. Timelines
10. Government Representatives
11. Government Actions
12. Creating Success Criteria to Assess Government Actions
13. Government Action Report Card
14. Action Plan Presentations

## Communicating About Important Issues

When an important issue arises in Canada, citizens want to tell the government what they feel should be done. There are many ways that people can help their government representatives know what they think.

Governments also need to tell citizens their plans for the future. They also communicate in many ways.

### Governments to Citizens

- Election Campaigns
- Town Hall Meetings
- Band Council Meetings
- Supreme Court Challenges
- Metis General Assemblies
- Referendums
- Nation-to-Nation Discussions with First Nations and/or Inuit governments
- Commissions of Inquiry
- Social Media

### Citizens to Governments

- Voting in Elections
- Petitions
- Protests
- Boycotts
- Volunteer Organizations
- Writing to MP, MPP, or MLA
- Asking Local Election Candidates About Their Opinions on an Issue
- Social Media



## Government Representatives

Canadian citizens can vote when they are 18 years old. Canadians vote in different kinds of elections.

### Municipal Elections

- Held every three or four years.
- The municipal government makes decisions about local issues.
- Mayors or reeves are elected.
- Local representatives are called councillors.

### Provincial/Territorial Elections

- Held every four years.
- The provincial or territorial governments make decisions about important issues in their province or territory.
- Premiers are elected.
- Local representatives are called MPPs, MLAs, MHA's, or MLAs.

### Federal Elections

- Must be held at least every five years.
- The federal government makes decisions about national issues.
- The leader of the federal government is the Prime Minister.
- Local representatives are called Members of Parliament (MPs).

### Band Council Elections

- Held every two years in First Nations communities.
- Band councils make decisions about issues within their band, such as housing and roads.
- One chief is elected.
- One councillor is elected for every 50 band members.

## Different Perspectives on School Uniforms

Who would be interested in the topic of school uniforms? Let's look at four different groups of people who may be concerned about this topic.

Parents	Store Owner	Students	School Uniforms	Teachers/Principal
<p>Always might depend upon how much money a parent makes and how much the uniforms cost.</p> <p>May like not having to fight with children about what to wear each day.</p>	<p>Happy if she can sell the uniforms in her store.</p> <p>Unhappy if she can't sell the uniforms, because parents may will stop buying most of their children's clothing from the store.</p>	<p>Think wearing the same thing everyday is boring.</p> <p>May like not having to decide what to wear each day.</p>	<p>Feels that uniforms will stop students from being teased at school because of their clothing.</p> <p>Feels that students will feel more responsible in uniforms.</p> <p>They will be able to easily identify students from other schools on the playground.</p>	<p>Feels that uniforms will stop students from being teased at school because of their clothing.</p> <p>Feels that students will feel more responsible in uniforms.</p> <p>They will be able to easily identify students from other schools on the playground.</p>

## Perspectives About

Ask 3 different people that you know what they think about the issue you are studying. Ask if they have any solutions to the issues. One person can be another child or student, and the other 2 must be adults that you know. At least one of the people must be indigenous First Nations, Métis or Inuit.

Name and Age	Name and Age	Name and Age
Type here	Type here	Type here

## Lesson 8

### HOW CITIZENS AFFECT CHANGE



## The Most Important Right?

The Charter of Rights and Freedoms has given Canadians some very specific rights. But what do YOU think is the most important right or freedom? Take 10 minutes and write a short paragraph explaining your thinking, and be prepared to defend your opinion with evidence.

Type your paragraph here

We share your writing with a friend who chose a different right or freedom. Switch roles in your friend's class. Share each others' opinions. Now write the shorter paragraph about your feelings about your friend's view. Do you or the classmate would change your mind about which right or freedom is most important?

Type your paragraph here

## Government Actions on My Issue

Learn about how different levels of government have been involved in your issue.

Municipal Government	Provincial Government	Federal Government
Type here	Type here	Type here

If an Indigenous organization is involved in your issue, explain what action it has taken.

Type here

## Food in the Arctic

Then	Now												
<p>People in the Arctic hunted, fished and gathered berries and other grasses to eat. The ground was almost always frozen so they could not grow fruits and vegetables.</p>	<p>What does food cost in 2019 in Nunavut and Ontario?</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>NUNAVUT</th> <th>ONTARIO</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Meat</td> <td>\$5.83</td> <td>\$2.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Produce</td> <td>\$8.00</td> <td>\$3.69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bread</td> <td>\$5.00</td> <td>\$3.25</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Watch <a href="#">this video</a> to learn about how many Inuit people get their food.</p>		NUNAVUT	ONTARIO	Meat	\$5.83	\$2.83	Produce	\$8.00	\$3.69	Bread	\$5.00	\$3.25
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# Our Country

National Geographic For Kids - Canada Country Profile

1. Watch [this video](#).
2. Use this chart to record the responsibilities of each level of government.

Municipal (Mayor or Reeve)	Provincial or Territorial (Premier)	Federal (Prime Minister)

## Asking Good Questions Q-Chart

Use this Q-chart to create as many questions as you can about your issue.

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Who						
What						
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## Canadian Government & Citizenship For Use with Google Classroom Instructions

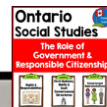
### Teachers:

If this is your first time purchasing a digital resource from my **Coach's Corner** store on TPT, you may appreciate some help in assigning this unit to your students.

Please let me know if there are any issues with this resource by emailing me directly at: [coachsteachingcorner@gmail.com](mailto:coachsteachingcorner@gmail.com)

This digital unit was created for use with my full unit, [The Role of Government and Responsible Citizenship](#).

The activities/lessons in this digital resource follow along with the 3-part lesson plans found there!



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set-up instructions  
for teacher!

## Action Plan Ideas

While you are learning about a social or environmental issue, you are also responsible for creating a plan that says how YOU think the issue should be handled. By the end of this unit, you will have something to share with your class that tells them what the next steps in solving the problem should be. Here are some ideas. Let your teacher know what you have decided upon for your activity. Your teacher will tell you when you must be finished this activity!

### Ideas

- Poster campaign
- Public Service Announcements
- Drama Presentation to other classes or at a local government meeting
- Game board highlighting issue
- Clothing Drive for a Local Shelter
- Food Drive for Local Food Bank
- Photo-essay to show the impact of an issue
- Song, Rap or Poem Promoting Most Convincing Positions
- Map to Show How Community Can be Improved
- News Report addressing all sides of issue
- PowerPoint or Smartboard Presentation to Classrooms or Local Government
- Letter to Government Official
- Create a comic strip that explains how you think the issue should be handled



## Municipal Government

A municipality is a city, town, village, or rural area.

In municipal elections, people who are at least 18 years old vote in municipal elections once every 4 years.

Citizens vote for candidates for these positions:

- Mayor or Reeve (leader of the municipal government)
- Councillors (people who represent different areas of the municipality)
- School Board Trustees (people who make decisions about how the municipality will support the local school board)

### Mayor or Reeve

Name: Type here

Contact Information: Type here

### Councillor

Name: Type here

Contact Information: Type here

## Governments Working Together

Some issues are important enough or large enough that more than one level of government becomes involved. When this happens, representatives from each government must work together to make sure that all rules are followed. Often each level of government also pays for part of any work that needs to be done. Sometimes each level of government pays the same amount of money. Other times one level will give more than another.



This newspaper article explains that 3 levels of government are going to pay equally to fix roads, bridges and bus shelters, and to buy some new vehicles. This will happen in Chatham-Kent and Leamington, Ontario.

Together, in the picture above, the government representatives explain their plans together. The mayor of Chatham-Kent, AND the MPP (Member of Provincial Parliament) make their announcement together.

- What level of government is not represented in this picture?
- Whose "voice" is missing?

### Healthcare: A Shared Responsibility

Canada is well known by other countries for its health care system. Most people in Canada do not have to pay for doctor's appointments and emergency room visits.

This is because all three levels of governments work together to make sure that we all stay healthy.

Federal Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sends money to the provinces and territories through the Canada Health Transfer.</li> <li>• Provides healthcare directly to First Nations and Inuit people living on reserves, veterans, and inmates.</li> </ul>
Provincial or Territorial Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for hospitals</li> <li>• Makes sure health care professionals are qualified</li> <li>• Pays 10% of the cost of new hospitals</li> </ul>
Municipal Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hires paramedics and buys ambulances</li> <li>• Pays 10% of the cost of new hospitals</li> <li>• Provides public health service.</li> </ul>

