

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a basic understanding of Canadian law and its importance in society.

Materials and Prep

- Computer with internet access
- Pen and paper
- Access to a library or online resources

Activities

- Activity 1: Research Canadian Law

Have the student use the internet or library resources to research the Canadian legal system. They should focus on understanding the structure of the legal system, key legal principles, and the role of different courts and legal professionals.

- Activity 2: Case Study Analysis

Select a real-life Canadian legal case that interests the student. Provide them with the details of the case, including the parties involved, the legal issues at hand, and the final decision. Ask the student to analyze the case, considering the arguments presented by each side and the reasoning behind the court's decision.

- Activity 3: Mock Trial

Have the student participate in a mock trial, either by themselves or with family members. Assign roles such as judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, and witnesses. Use a fictional case or adapt a real-life case to fit the scenario. The student should research and prepare their role, present arguments, and cross-examine witnesses.

Talking Points

- **What is Canadian law?**

- "Canadian law is the set of rules and regulations that govern our society."
- "It includes laws made by the government, court decisions, and legal principles."

- **Why is it important to understand Canadian law?**

- "Understanding Canadian law helps us know our rights and responsibilities."
- "It ensures fairness and justice in our society."

- **What are the key components of the Canadian legal system?**

- "The legal system is divided into federal and provincial jurisdictions."
- "It includes different levels of courts, such as the Supreme Court of Canada and provincial/territorial courts."
- "Legal professionals, such as judges, lawyers, and paralegals, play important roles in the

legal system."

- **How do courts make decisions?**

- "Courts consider the facts of a case, the arguments presented by both sides, and the applicable laws."
- "They rely on legal precedents and principles to guide their decisions."

- **What is the role of a lawyer in the legal system?**

- "Lawyers represent clients and provide legal advice."
- "They research laws, prepare legal documents, and present arguments in court."