





# community choices unit three

## U3L3A1 | Democracy

Answer the following questions about Canada's system of government to the best of your ability:

1. Based on the definitions of democracy at the top of this handout, how does Canada's political system function using the below checklist of criteria?

- The public has the opportunity to decide which political issues should be discussed in the government.
- Citizens have ample and equal opportunity to discover and affirm new policies and their consequences, with full disclosure of all details before a final decision is made.
- Each citizen has an equal opportunity to vote, with the assurance that his or her vote will be given equal weight.
- All citizens have a say in decision-making.
- People have the freedom to make choices and express opinions.
- There are equal rights and responsibilities for everyone.
- There is a justice system that applies to everyone.
- The government is accountable, or responsible, for its actions and to the people.

2. How are government representatives selected and how often is this done?

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3. Who can become a government representative? Who can participate in selecting government representatives?

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