

Study Guide – Unit 1: Part A

Your unit exam will consist of multiple choice, matching, and short answer. It will take place on Monday, October 15th! Answer the following questions and you will be well prepared! Remember to also use your vocab sheet!

1. What does democracy mean?

Democracy is a political system where citizens have a voice in democracy. It's people powered!

2. What are the 2 types of democracy?

Representative Democracy and Direct Democracy (see vocabulary)

3. What kind does Canada have?

Representative Democracy – we vote for representatives to vote for us.

4. What are the 3 guidelines when working in a group?

Consider the perspective of others

Express your opinions

Contribute to the work

5. What is the difference between a fact and an opinion?

A fact is something proven to be true. An opinion is how someone feels.

6. What are the 3 ways to make a decision? (VCR)

Vote

Consensus

Representation

	Advantage	Disadvantage
Vote	Quick in a small group. Everyone gets a vote.	Can take a long time in a large group. Some people will be unhappy.
Consensus	Everyone has to agree on a choice.	Can take a very long time in a large group.
Representation	Quicker for citizens because they don't have to vote on everything that comes up.	Need to trust who is representing you.

a. What are some disadvantages and advantages of each of these 3 ways?

7. What is the difference between equity and equality?

Equity gives everyone what they need and Equality means everyone gets the same thing (whether they need it or not).

8. What are the 4 pillars of democracy?

FREJ

Freedom, Representation, Equity, Justice (See vocab for definitions)

9. What does government mean?

a. What are the 3 levels of government?

Municipal - Local

Provincial - Alberta

Federal – Canada

b. What is the title of the person who governs at each level?

Municipal - Mayor

Provincial - Premier

Federal – Prime Minister

10. What 3 things are all levels of government responsible for?

Taxes and Services

a. Taxes – What are the 3 types of taxes?

GST – Goods and Services Tax (Federal)

PST – Provincial Sales Tax (Stays in the Province, but not in Alberta)

HST – Harmonized Sales Tax (Combines GST and PST)

