**Social Studies 11 Project: Running for Prime Minister**

Canada is in need of a new Prime Minister. You will all form groups of four and your party will try to win our in class election. You can choose whichever policies you like, but be prepared to defend yourselves because not everyone will agree with your statements.

**Instructions**

1. Form your group of four and appoint someone as the leader of your party
2. Name your party
3. Come up with a slogan
4. Come up with an idea on how you plan to spend your budget
5. Answer the following questions;
   1. What is your party platform?
   2. What are your strategies to achieve your party’s goals?
   3. What Laws, or Law changes would you implement in Canada?
   4. How will your new government operate?
      1. Example: Would you keep the country democratic?
6. **Warning:** Mr. Katsionis will present you with an issue during the presentation week and you must be able to solve the problem. This issue may require money, or might require immediate attention.
7. **Poster:** Create a poster that has your party name, as well as slogan. Design it whichever way you like, but make sure it is attention grabbing. Include any information you want your reader to know. Due Friday, June 8th, 2018
8. **Presentation** Monday, June 11th, 2018
   1. Presentation should be 8-10 minutes
   2. Everyone must speak
   3. Discuss all your rules, strategies and budget allocation
   4. Response to Mr. Katsionis’ issue that was given to you during presentation week
   5. You may present this in whichever way you would like. This is your group’s party so communicate it in a way that you believe will help everyone win.
9. **Debate:** We will have an in class debate on Tuesday, June 12th. Your Prime Minister Candidate is expected to answer all of the questions whilst his/her party asks the other leaders difficult questions
   1. **Prime Minister Candidate:** Answer all questions or controversies surrounding your party. It may help to consult with your party on potentially asked questions.
   2. **Party:** Analyze all of the party’s posters, and their presentations. What were problems for you? Did they miss anything or not offer solutions to legitimate issues?
10. Deliver a final speech that will convince everyone to vote for you
    1. There are multiple approaches you can take here. For example, you will have seen the premise of the other governments, so you may criticize them, or choose to promote your party one final time.
    2. Please submit this speech to Mr. Katsionis as a separate document as well. (Required Length – 1 page maximum)
11. Be prepared to defend yourselves. Students from other parties will have a problem with how you operate and could question your methods.

**Budget**

Each Government Party will have a budget as to how much they can spend. Usually depending on the Party there would be differences in how high that budget is. For the purpose of this assignment, everyone will be able to spend $750,000.

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| **Item** | **Cost** | **Explanation** |
| Advertisement | $50,000 per minute | Whenever you would like, Mr. Katsionis will grant you time in class to make a presentation.  You have as much time as you like, but it will cost your group $50,000 per minute.  Advertisements are a great way for you to get your message across. |
| Increase Funds for Education | $300,000 | If your party feels the education system could be improved they can add funds to all Canadian Public schools. This would allow for new books and educators. |
| Increase Police Force | $300,000 | Canada has a decent crime rate in comparison with other countries. We rank 78th in the world. By adding more Police you will reduce crime. |
| Increase Sports Facilities | $200,000 | You can opt to bring on new sports facilities across Canada. This could be from national sports teams, to gyms. Either way this increases employment. |
| Clean up the Environment | $275,000 | The environment needs to be maintained better. Should you choose this option you will clean up the environment by enforcing stricter laws and creating jobs for people cleaning up the litter. |
| Poll the Voters | $50,000 | You can opt to poll the voters to see how your political party is doing. Mr. Katsionis will only share those results with you. |
| Other | To be Determined by Mr. Katsionis | If you have something not listed above, see Mr. K. for the cost of said idea. |

**Materials**

* Poster Paper
* Powerpoint
* Internet
* Video Camera (optional)
* Markers

**Evaluation**

**Written Work:**

* **Content (Platform, Strategies, Rules, Government Operations) /20**
  + Are all of your ideas clear and concise?
  + Is your government logically explained?
  + Did you follow all of the instructions?
* **Spelling/Grammar/Organization /10**
  + Is your assignment free of spelling/grammatical errors?
  + Is your presentation organized in a clear and concise manner?
* **Final Speech Document /10**
  + Is your speech convincing?

**Presentation**

* **General /10**
  + Is your presentation spoken clearly?
  + Is everyone speaking?
  + Can everyone else hear you?
* **Creativity /10**
  + Changes to the new Government unique?
  + Is your Party Slogan and Government Party name original?
  + How did you spend your budget?
* **Defense of New Government Party /10**
  + Can you defend your party when people criticize?
  + If you cannot defend an accusation, can you come up with a clever solution to remedy that problem?

**Group and Peer Assessment**

* **Group Assessment /10**
  + Your group will assign you a score out of 5 depending on how much work you contributed
* **Class Assessment /5**
  + The class will assess each party on its effectiveness

**Overall: /85**