



Activities and Resources for Teachers

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

Activities and resources

Book a **guided tour** of the Parliament Buildings. School groups from outside of Victoria can apply for a **School Travel Grant**.

Book a **Virtual Classroom** session. These online sessions provide an introduction to the Legislative Assembly and allow for discussion on topics such as how a bill becomes a law or the levels of government in Canada.

Take a **virtual tour** of the Parliament Buildings.

Find out about your **school's MLA**, including biographical information, recent speeches and votes, and contact information for their constituency office.

Complete the **Library Statues**, **Calendar Conundrum**, or **Drafting Legislation** activities.

Find lesson plans, videos, fact sheets and other **learning resources**.

Engagement opportunities

Invite your **school's MLA** to visit the classroom or book an appointment to visit their constituency office.

Have your students write a letter or email to your **school's MLA** or to a **Cabinet Minister**.

Submit a **petition** to the Legislative Assembly on an issue of importance to your students.

Present in-person or make a written submission to a **Parliamentary Committee**.

Learn about Elections BC's **List of Future Voters** (16 - 17 year olds) or work as an **election official** during a provincial general election (15 - 19 year olds).





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Discussion ideas

Who can **become an MLA** and **how are they elected**?

What are the **three main functions** of the Legislative Assembly?

- Why do we need **laws**?
- How do the Members **scrutinize government**?
- Why is it important for the government's **finances to be reviewed** in a public and transparent process?

What are the **eligibility requirements** for voting in provincial elections? When did all adults in British Columbia **finally get the right to vote**?

What **bills are being discussed** in the Legislative Assembly? Watch **videos** or read transcripts of recent **debates**.

Why is it important for MLAs to **reflect the diversity** of our province's population?

What are some of the **symbols** of British Columbia and of the Legislative Assembly? What other symbols could be adopted for our province?

Want to know more?

Attend the **B.C. Teachers Institute on Parliamentary Democracy** in Victoria.

Use the **Discover Your Legislature** online resource to learn about the role of the MLAs and the history of the Parliament Buildings.



Questions or suggestions? Email PEO@leg.bc.ca.