

Activity 4: Voting rights through time

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At a glance

In this activity, students

- reflect on the question of inclusion and exclusion, then work together to examine case studies related to voting rights in federal elections for four different groups • create a “timeline with attitude” that shows how a group was included or excluded in Canadian democracy over time, and
- find out about the history of the federal vote through a video and an infographic.

Big idea

The right to vote has not always existed for everyone in Canada. Voting was once seen as a privilege: certain groups were excluded at different times. Now almost all Canadian citizens over 18 have the right to vote.

Inquiry question

How inclusive is our democracy?

Subjects

This activity can be used in a history, social studies, civics or citizenship class.

Language learner version

This activity includes a version for language learners and struggling readers. Plain language and simple sentences make this version ideal for lower-literacy, immersion and second language students. Also, there are fewer activity cards, so students can complete the activity in the allotted time and achieve the same learning outcomes.

Level: Secondary

Time needed: 60 minutes

To access this lesson

visit:

<https://electionsanddemocracy.ca/voting-rights-through-time-0>