

Road to the Senate

Senators come from a variety of backgrounds and bring a diversity of experience to their job. Research a current Senator and present him or her to your class. Be persuasive in explaining why your Senator is well suited for Parliament and make suggestions about what committees he or she might sit on or run. Use the following questions as a guide to help organize your ideas, but be sure to expand on the information in your speech. Remember: be persuasive and passionate!

Name of Senator:

Province/Territory the Senator Represents:

Party Affiliation (if any):

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Profession(s):

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Political Experience:

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Non-Political Experience:

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Other Interesting Information:

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What are three reasons this person makes a good choice for Senator?

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What committees is this Senator a member of? What other committees might he or she sit on? Why?

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Road to the House of Commons

Members of Parliament (MPs) are elected to represent ridings in the House of Commons. Research a current MP and create a campaign sign, and television or radio commercial to present to your class.

Part 1: Preliminary Research

Go to <http://parl.gc.ca>. Click on English. Under Current Parliamentarians, select Members of Parliament (Current). Find the MP you are researching.

Name of MP:

Constituency:

Political Affiliation:

Occupation(s):

Federal Political Experience:

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Other Experience:

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Other Interesting Information:

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Three Reasons This Person Makes a Good MP:

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Part 2: Campaign Sign

Create a campaign sign for your MP. Check out page 19 of *Our Country, Our Parliament* for ideas. Your campaign sign should include the following (check off each element once you have included it in your sign):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A picture of the MP (when available) | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate colours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The MP's name, party and party logo | <input type="checkbox"/> A tag line or brief statement of belief |

Part 3: Television or Radio Campaign Commercial

Create a television or radio campaign commercial for your MP. Be prepared to present it to your classmates. Be sure to include the following (check off each element once you have included it in your commercial):

- The name of the MP and his or her party
- The reasons why he or she should be elected as the MP
- A highlight of his or her experience, especially as it relates to his or her work as an MP
- A tag line or brief statement of belief

