Social Studies 10 ELL 3

**GOVERNMENT – STUDY GUIDE**

**WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW**

1. Explain the political spectrum: left, center, right
2. Identify where the key federal parties fit on the political spectrum
3. Describe Canada’s government system and division of powers
4. Identify and explain the different branches of government
5. Explain the key people and proceedings of the House of Commons and Senate
6. Explain the key people and proceedings in provincial and municipal governments
7. Identify the stages of passing a bill
8. Identify and explain the steps of the electoral process in Canada
9. Analyze political campaigns and platforms of the key federal parties

**VOCABULARY**

Political Spectrum

Democracy

Direct democracy

Representative democracy

Constitutional monarchy

Constitution

BNA Act 1867

Federalism

3 levels of government

-Federal

-Provincial

-Municipal

Residual powers

3 branches of gov’t

-executive

-legislative

-judicial

Senate

House of Commons

Vote of non-confidence

Governor General

Prime Minister

Official leader of the Opposition

Member of Parliament (MP)

Cabinet/Caucus

Party whip (party discipline)

Bill

**KEY TOPICS**

Confederation

How a bill becomes law

-1st reading

-2nd reading

-standing committee

-3rd reading

-formal/royal assent

Premier

town council

mayor

councillors

Electoral riding / constituency / district

Key political parties in Canada

-Conservative

-Liberal

-NDP

-Bloc Quebecois

-Green

party platform

First-past-the-post (FPTP)

Proportional Representation