



# STUDENT BUDGET CONSULTATION

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*Goal: to have an educated and engaging debate around the issues facing Canada's economy.*

For this assignment, students will be researching various aspects of Canada's economy in order to prepare for a class debate. Students will be assigned their various research topics. Once you have been assigned to your topic group, assign ½ of your group to take the position on increasing Canada's focus on capitalist or right wing approaches to your topic, and assign the other ½ of your group to focus on reasons why Canada should adopt a more left wing or socialist approach to your assigned topic. Let your teacher know who is taking on the two opposing sides of your topic.

Working together in your teams of right wing and left wing groups, you will then create your debate notes by researching your topic. The Student Budget Consultation website <http://www.civix.ca/sbc/> has provided you with a plethora of resources that will effectively help you with your research (*use this – don't just Google!!!*) You will be expected to submit your group's notes - your teacher will give you the due date, submission expectations and information on how your debate notes will be evaluated.

During the debate, team members can choose one person to be their spokesperson, or all team members can participate directly in the debate. Your teacher will inform you of the debate model. After the debate, students will be using the information from the debate in a major assignment that has you creating the perfect Canadian budget – so it is recommended that you take notes while the debate is going on to help you with that major assignment.

**Topics** (*remember, each group must have members that take opposing views on the same topic*)

- **Debt and Deficit**
- **Taxes**
- **Jobs and the Economy**
- **Energy and the Environment**
- **Foreign Investment and Trade**
- **Innovation**