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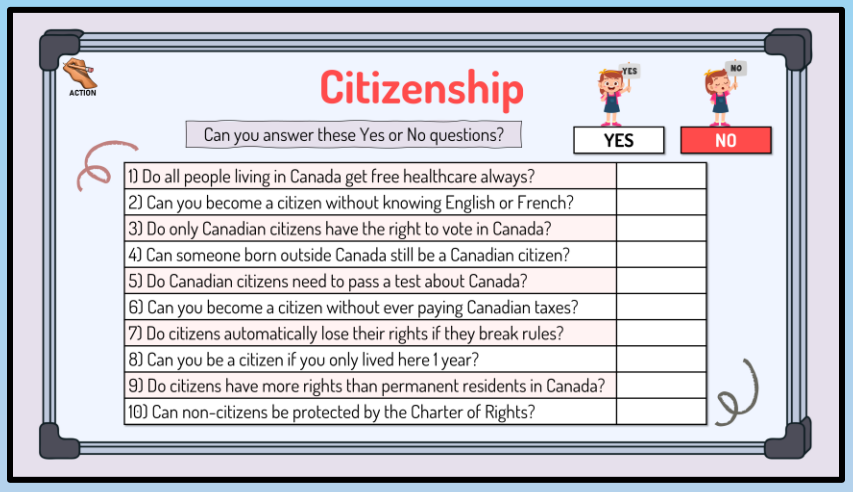
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3-Part Lesson Format

Part 1 – Minds On!

- Learning Goals
- Discussion Questions
- Quotes
- And More!



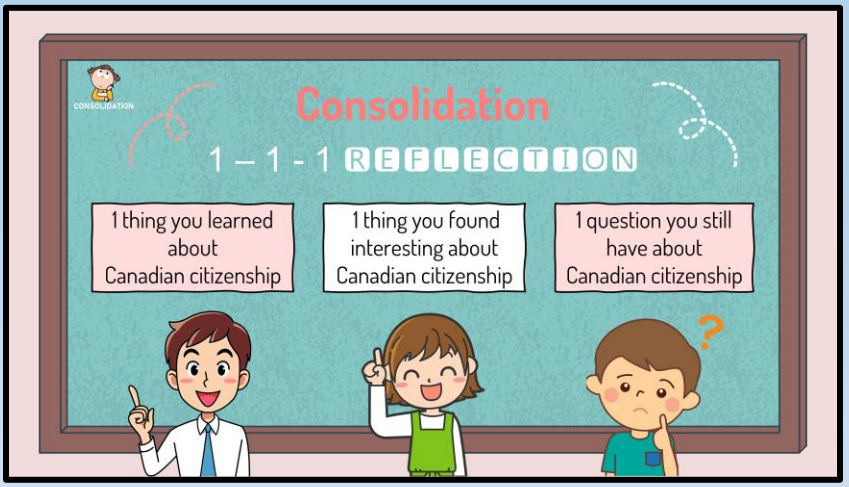


Part 2 – Action!

- Surveys/Polls
- Matching
- Drag and Drop
- Videos
- And More!

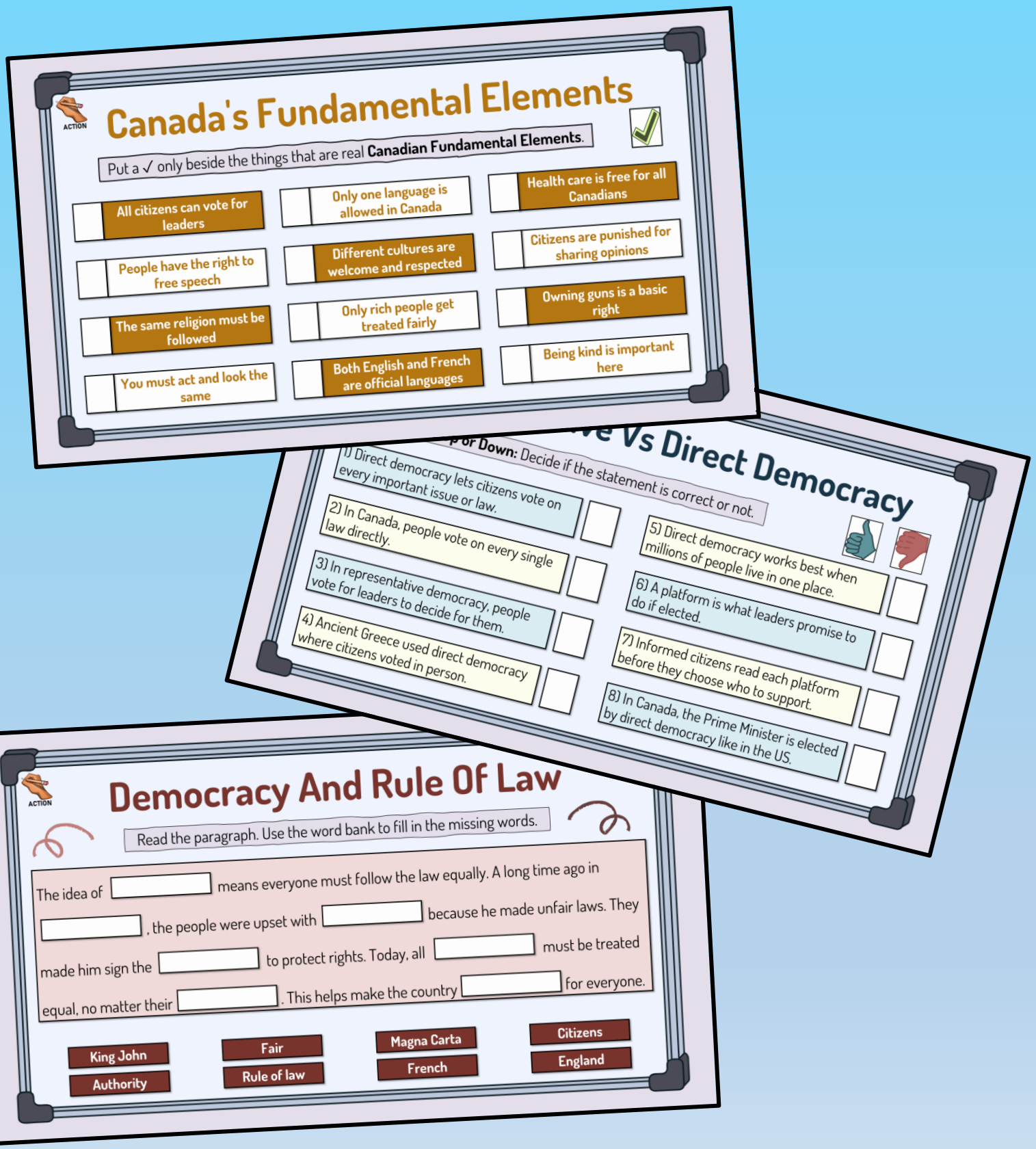
Part 3 – Consolidation!

- Exit Cards
- Quick Draw
- 3-2-1 Reflection
- One-Sentence Summary



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Canada's Fundamental Elements

Put a ✓ only beside the things that are real **Canadian Fundamental Elements**.

- All citizens can vote for leaders
- Only one language is allowed in Canada
- Health care is free for all Canadians
- People have the right to free speech
- Different cultures are welcome and respected
- Citizens are punished for sharing opinions
- The same religion must be followed
- Only rich people get treated fairly
- Owning guns is a basic right
- You must act and look the same
- Both English and French are official languages
- Being kind is important here

Vs Direct Democracy

Up or Down: Decide if the statement is correct or not.

1) Direct democracy lets citizens vote on every important issue or law.
2) In Canada, people vote on every single law directly.
3) In representative democracy, people vote for leaders to decide for them.
4) Ancient Greece used direct democracy where citizens voted in person.
5) Direct democracy works best when millions of people live in one place.
6) A platform is what leaders promise to do if elected.
7) Informed citizens read each platform before they choose who to support.
8) In Canada, the Prime Minister is elected by direct democracy like in the US.

Democracy And Rule Of Law

Read the paragraph. Use the word bank to fill in the missing words.

The idea of _____ means everyone must follow the law equally. A long time ago in _____, the people were upset with _____ because he made unfair laws. They made him sign the _____ to protect rights. Today, all _____ must be treated equal, no matter their _____. This helps make the country _____ for everyone.

King John | Fair | Magna Carta | Citizens
Authority | Rule of law | French | England

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