

MATERIAL COVERED:

The Law 12 course is divided into five main sections.

Foundations of Law

- The Law in Canada
- Human Rights and the Charter

Criminal Law

- Offences and Defences
- Arrests, Trials, and Sentencing
- Young Offenders

Civil Law

- Intentional and Unintentional Torts
- Contracts
- The Law and Consumers

Law and the Family

- Ending a Marriage and Protecting the Children of a Marriage
- Wills and Estates

Project

- A student project on an issue in Canadian Law

TEXTBOOKS:

The course uses the following text

Learning About Law

(ISBN 0-07-551784-1, McGraw-Hill Ryerson)

EVALUATION:

This course works on a mastery system. You must pass the mastery tests in each unit to the 80% level before you can go on. In addition, there are cumulative tests from time to time. These can only be taken once, so it is essential to study hard and do your best work on them. Projects may only be submitted once. They are treated like cumulative tests. Your school mark for the course is based 60% on the mastery tests and 40% on the cumulative tests.

GOAL

The goal of this unit is to introduce the Canadian legal system and how it works.

OBJECTIVES

While completing this unit you will:

- Define the term law.
- Differentiate between common law, statute law, and civil law.
- Describe the major categories of law.
- Outline the steps in the creation of a law.
- Describe the different areas of jurisdiction of the federal and provincial governments.
- Distinguish the roles of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.
- Explain the differences between statutes, regulations and by-laws.
- Define adjudication, negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.
- Describe the advantages and disadvantages of the adversarial system.
- List the kinds of courts in Canada.

WHAT TO DO IN THIS UNIT

- This unit uses the textbook *Learning About Law*, chapters 1, 2, and 3.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 1 worksheet.
- Read chapter 1, then answer the questions in Part A of the Unit 1 Worksheet.
- Read chapter 2, then answer the questions in Part B of the Unit 1 Worksheet.
- Read chapter 3, then answer the questions in Part C of the Unit 1 Worksheet.
- Be sure to read the chapter summaries at the end of each chapter. They are a good guide to what was presented in the chapter. Also, be sure you can define the key terms at the end of each chapter. They are sure to appear on the Unit Test!

- When you are ready, ask your teacher for the Unit 1 Test. Remember, you must get 80% to pass, so studying hard is essential.