Appendix B

Student handout: The principles of Canadian democracy

prin•ci•ple / 'prinsəpəl/ a fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour or for a chain of reasoning.

Similar: truth; proposition; concept; idea; theory; assumption; fundamental

What are the principles of Canadian democracy? Using the document(s) assigned to you, try to identify a value or belief that is foundational to Canadian democracy. An example has been completed for you.

Principle	Document	Evidence
There are laws everyone has to follow	Charter	"Rights and freedoms guaranteed in the Charter govern how governments act." The government cannot just do anything it wants, it is limited by the Charter and so the law applies to everyone, even government.