

Appendix A

Student handout: How civically engaged are you?

Complete the survey below and tally your results to get your score.

Evaluation levels	Never (0 Points)	Sometimes (2 Points)	Always (3 Points)
1. I keep up with the news.			
2. I watch or read multiple news sources (television, print, social media).			
3. I discuss current events with friends and/or family.			
4. I think it's important to know what is going on in my community, city, province and world.			
5. I participate in community groups and/or clubs.			
6. I use technology, like social media, for civic purposes like taking a stand on an issue.			
7. I engage in activism like attending protests or boycotting organizations/businesses.			
8. I participate in elections (watching debates, learning about party/candidate positions on issues, keeping up with the news).			
9. I encourage family members and/or friends who can vote to do so.			
10. I volunteer in my community.			
11. I know who my political representatives are (councilors, Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament).			

Tallying your results

3 Points For Every 'Always' Response Total:	
2 Points For Every 'Sometimes' Response Total:	
0 Points For Every 'Never' Response Total:	
Add Up The Three Categories Grand Total:	

Survey results

24-33 POINTS

Sometimes, youth get a reputation for not being engaged in their communities. The decline in voter turnout among youth in Canada and other parts of the world has received considerable attention in recent years. Much has been written about youth disengagement. You, however, are making a positive impact on those around you by engaging in many civic actions. Bravo! When you are eligible to vote in a couple of years, there is no doubt you will be able to make an informed decision.

12-23 POINTS

You are well on your way to becoming an engaged citizen. You are setting a good example to your peers by paying attention to the world around you and engaging with your community. This is how you begin to develop your political identity. Continue to keep up with current events and ask good questions when you don't understand things. Keep your ears open for opportunities to participate in school or community events where you can learn about different viewpoints and interact with others.

0-11 POINTS

Look at the survey list carefully and see where you can engage more with your community, either online or in person. Consider following a few hashtags on social media to keep up to date with local, national, or international events. Some small things you can do include participating in class discussions about social issues, volunteering at school or community events and keeping up with the news. This Civics and Citizenship course is also an excellent chance to start to learn how to think politically and take some civic action!