

BIG IDEAS

Understanding legal rights and responsibilities allows citizens to participate more fully in society.

Laws can maintain the status quo and can also be a force for change.

A society's laws and legal framework affect many aspects of people's daily lives.

Laws are interpreted, and these interpretations may evolve over time as a society's values and worldviews change.

Learning Standards

Curricular Competencies	Content
<p><i>Students are expected to be able to do the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze legal concepts, issues, and procedures; and communicate findings and decisions • Assess and compare the significance and impact of legal systems or codes (significance) • Assess the justification for differing legal perspectives after investigating points of contention, reliability of sources, and adequacy of evidence (evidence) • Analyze continuities and changes in legal systems or codes across jurisdictions (continuity and change) • Assess the development and impact of legal systems or codes (cause and consequence) • Explain and infer multiple perspectives on legal systems or codes (perspective) • Make reasoned ethical judgments about legal systems or codes (ethical judgment) • Make reasoned ethical judgments about controversial decisions, legislation, or policy (ethical judgment) 	<p><i>Students are expected to know the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Constitution of Canada and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms • structures and powers of the federal and provincial courts and administrative tribunals • key areas of law such as criminal law, civil law, and family, children's, and youth law • Canadian legislation concerning First Peoples • indigenous legal orders and traditional laws in Canada and other global jurisdictions • Canada's correctional system and principles of rehabilitation, punishment, and restoration • structures and roles of global dispute resolution agencies and courts