

## SEMINAR

### Regional Political Protest Parties and Movements

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the factors leading to the establishment of regional political protest parties and movements. Students should understand why and how various protest movements arose across the country in the inter-war years, from the Progressives, Agrarian parties and Maritime Rights Movement of the 1920s to the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, Social Credit and Union Nationale Parties of the 1930s. The theme of political alienation on a regional basis should be explored as powerful regional personalities like Maurice Duplessis, William Aberhart, J.S. Woodsworth and Moses Coady are introduced.

#### Focus Questions:

1. Who belonged to the party/movement? Include both individuals and groups.
2. Why was the party/movement formed and what ideas did it promote?
3. What successes and failures were experienced by the party/movement during the 1920-1945 period?
4. Are the ideas of your party/movement prevalent in Canadian society today? Cite specific examples.

**Choose one of the following political parties or movements that were prominent Canada in the 1920s and 30s:**

Progressives	Union Nationale	Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF)
Social Credit	Maritime Rights Movement	Antigonish Movement

#### Seminar Requirements

Students will create a five-seven minute presentation that answers the focus questions. Students will have access to the Internet, e-books, and Questia ([www.questiaschool.com](http://www.questiaschool.com)). Presentation formats can vary, but students will have access to a projector and are permitted to use PowerPoint or Keynote. Chapter 11 and 12 from the *Destinies* textbook provide a good jumping off point for further research.

#### Instructions

1. Choose one movement/party to base your study. Ensure you understand what the questions are asking. Define any key terms if necessary.
2. Gather research material. Consider using Questia and resources found on our class website.
3. Thesis statement – Create a clear argument of one or two sentences that expresses the central mission of the party/movement that you chose. Ultimately the focus questions will help support that main argument.
4. Delegate – Consider delegating tasks to complete the assignment efficiently within the time permitted. Consider dividing by scope (timeframe, particular theme, etc.)
5. Collect and collate information.
6. Plan the presentation. Devise a delivery method that informs the audience about your party/movement. Include an introduction, subtopics (body), and a conclusion.