

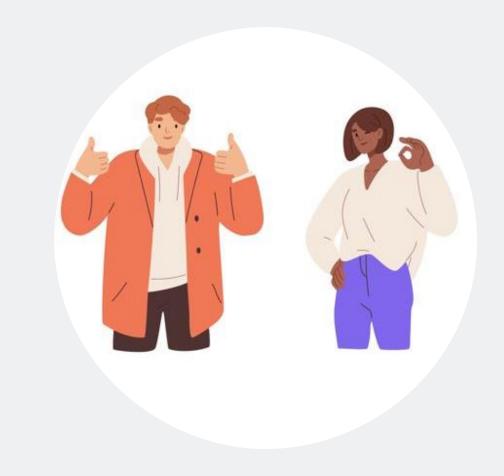
# Teaching Legal Concepts in the CCQ Program

At the Secondary School Level

May 2024

# Ignorance of the law is no excuse

That's true, but...



# Learning goals

- Identify the legal concepts in the CCQ program
- Establish strategies to teach these concepts
- Find resources to learn more about these concepts and to teach them

# Today's seminar

- 15 min. Legal concepts in the CCQ program
- 40 min. Fundamental legal information
- □ 10 min. Break
- 30 min. Fundamental legal information (cont.)
- □ 15 min. Being a "law teacher"
- □ 10 min. Conclusion
- 45 min. Questions

# Why you?

- Pedagogical relationship
- Young people's relationship with rules
- Civic spirit
- Neutrality
- Expertise in education



# Legal concepts in the CCQ program

At the secondary school level





Elementary

Cycle One

Cycle Two

Cycle Three

Secondary

Secondary I

Secondary II

Secondary IV

Secondary V

### Secondary I



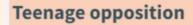


Identity and belonging

Community life and public spaces



Private and public spaces



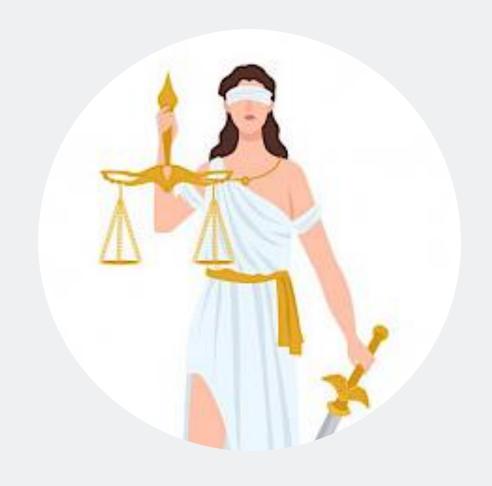
Citizenship

**Public institutions** 

Civic engagement - Social cohesion



# Fundamental legal information



# Where does the law come from?

**Definition and a brief history** 





#### Statement #1

#### **True or False?**

Morality, justice and law are synonyms.

False!



<u>Understanding "Civil" Law | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca)</u> <u>Understanding Criminal Law | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca)</u>

# Justice and law (secondary IV)

- Principles of justice
- Types of justice



# Principles of justice

CRIMINAL (PENAL)	CIVIL
Punitive/deterrent/rehabilitative aspect	Honouring obligations
Presumption of Innocence	Civil liability
Right to remain silent	Intellectual property
Proportionality of sentences	

#### **COMMON PRINCIPLES**

No retroactive application of laws

Impartial courts



## Types of justice and law

It's easy to get lost in these concepts and examples...

Penal law **Corrective justice** 

Community justice Civil law Punishment

Rehabilitation

Redistribution

Procedural justice Restorative justice

Social justice

Distributive justice

**Environmental justice** 

Criminal law



#### **Statement #2**

#### **True or False?**

The law (concept) comes from laws and regulations.

That's true, but...



# Democracy and social order (secondary II)

- Evolution and modification of laws
- Charters and codes of law



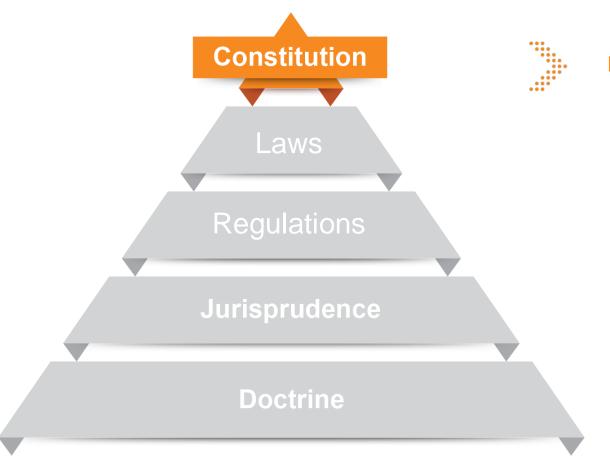
#### Sources of law in Quebec



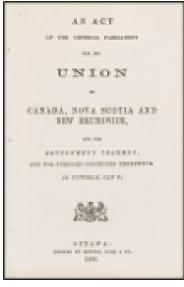
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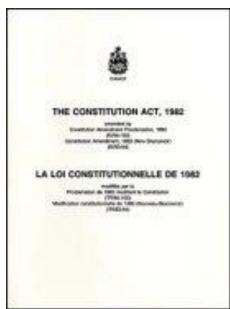
#### **The Constitution**



#### **Includes**







...and more

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#### Rights and freedoms



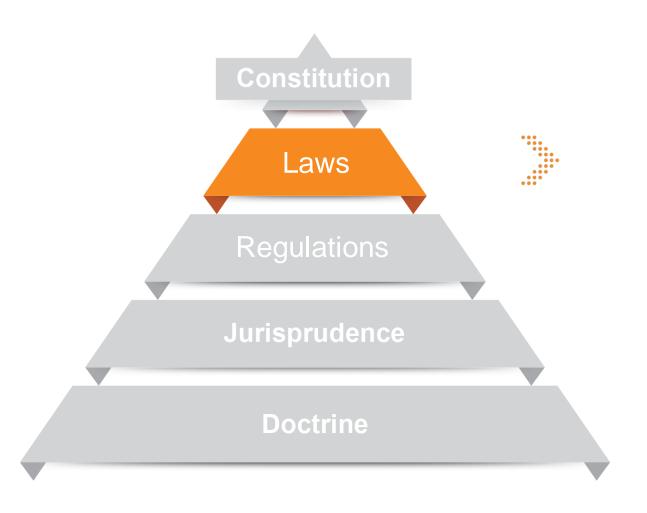
Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

**Quebec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms** 

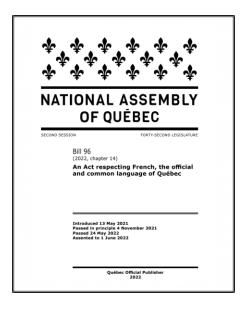
<u>Rights and Freedoms | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca)</u>

<u>Do Your Rights and Freedoms Have Limits? | Understanding the Law | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca)</u>

#### Laws





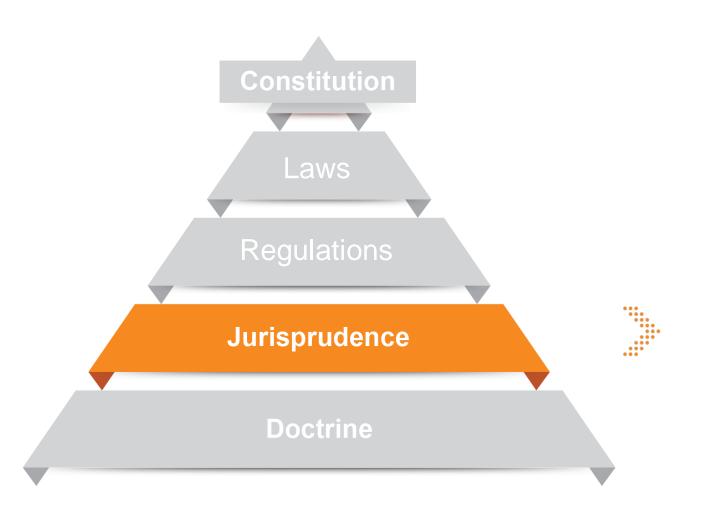


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### Jurisprudence

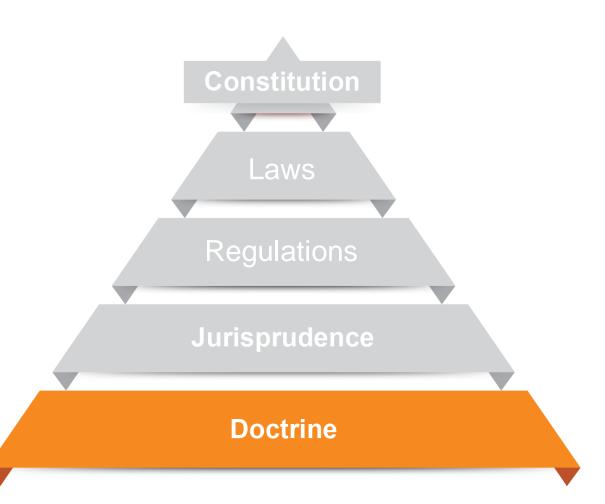




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Finding Laws, Regulations, and Court or Government Decisions | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca)

#### **Doctrine**













#### Resources

#### For more information:

<u>Legal Basics</u> - Éducaloi

Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms - CDPDJ

<u>Introduction au droit canadien et québécois</u> – Éducaloi (French only video with subtitles)

### For teaching:

The Rules of the Game! - Éducaloi

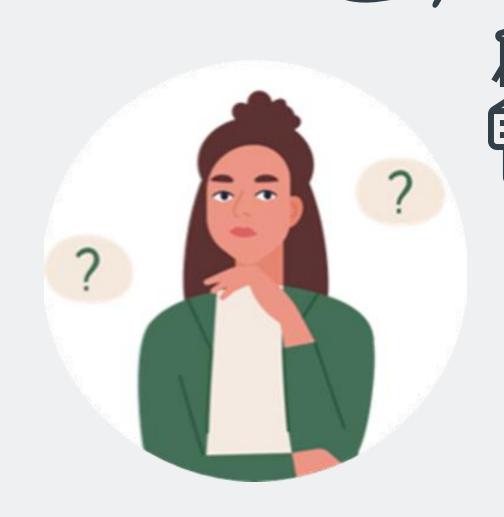
Beat the Buzzer! – Éducaloi

<u>Vidéo La justice</u> – Télé-Québec en classe (French only)



# Where can you find law?

Legal situations happen in our daily lives.





#### **Statement #3**

#### **True or False?**

The law is everywhere.



True!

# Democracy and social order (secondary II)

- Individual rights
- Rights of different groups
- Youth rights
- Rights relating to sexuality



#### Different areas of law

- Human rights (rights of persons)
- Family law
- Property law
- Contract law
- Consumer law (consumer protection)
- Wills and Estates
- Administrative law
- Environmental law



# Rights of different groups

- Women
- Indigenous peoples
- Linguistic minorities
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- LGBTQ+ persons





#### Resources

#### For more information:

Rights and Freedoms – Éducaloi

The Decolonial Toolbox: An Educational Pathway - Mikana

<u>Ligne du temps des luttes et droits LGBTQ+</u> - UQÀM (French only)

### For teaching:

The Rights of Youth Here and Around the World - Éducaloi

Speaking Rights - Equitas

An introduction to the diversity of Indigenous cultures in Canada-Wapikoni

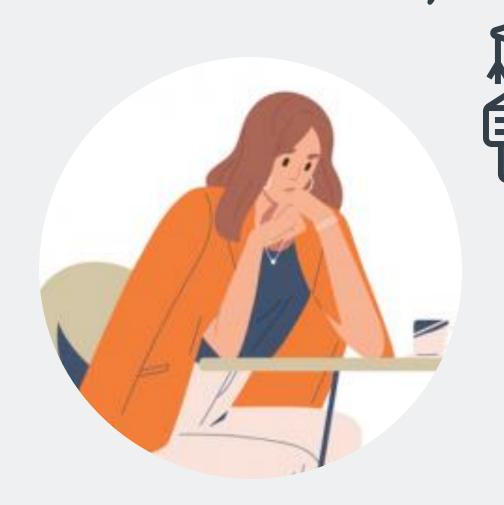
14 bédéistes / motifs de discrimination - CDPDJ (French only)

# Break



# How does the law work?

The justice system





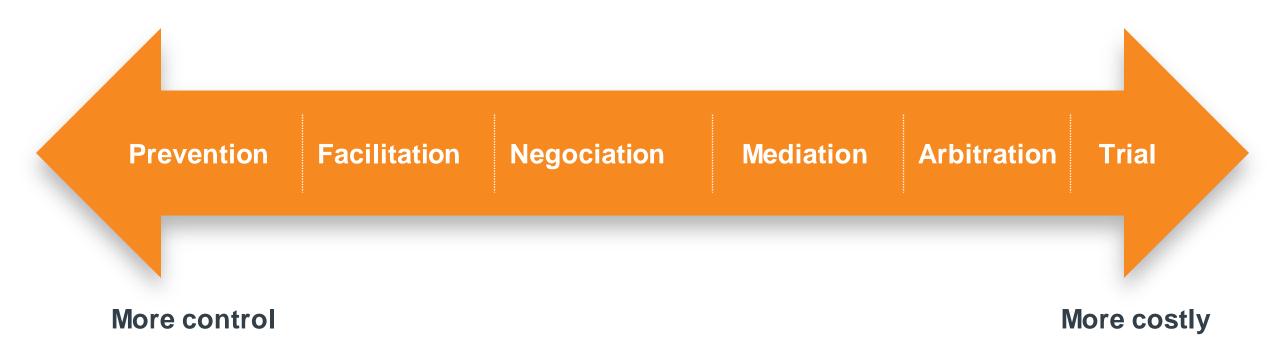
#### Statement #4

#### **True or False?**

You need a trial to get justice.

False!





# Community life and public spaces (secondary I)

Citizenship (public institutions)

# Autonomy and interdependency/Democracy and social order (secondary II)

- Intimate relationships during adolescence (consent and sexual violence)
- Democratic institutions in Canada and Quebec

# Justice and law (secondary IV)

- Legal and judicial institutions
- Legal framework for love and sex life



# The separation of powers

#### **LEGISLATIVE**



Creation

#### **EXECUTIVE**



**Application** 

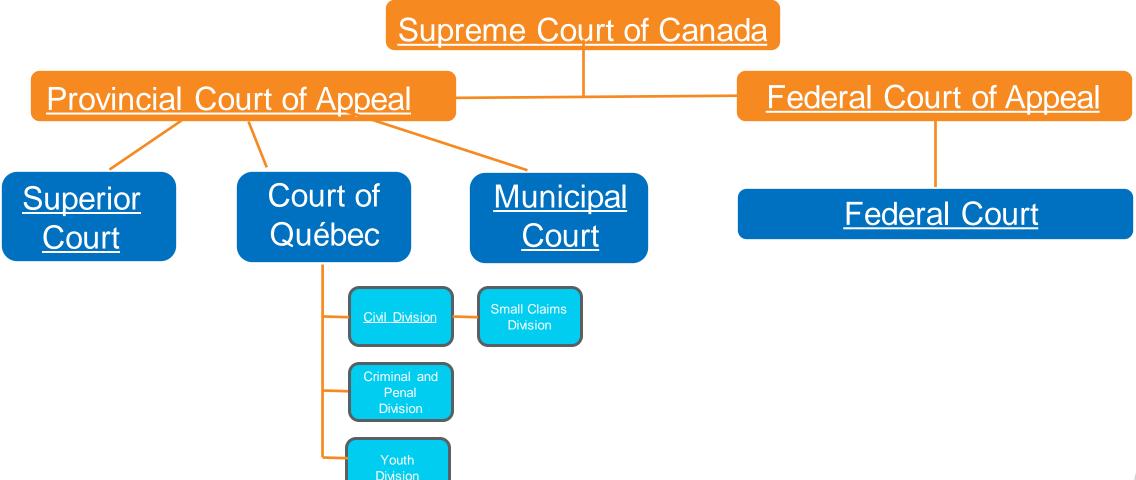
#### **JUDICIAL**



Control and oversight



## Courts and legal remedies





#### Courts and legal remedies

Type of case	Civil case	Criminal case
Who sues?	The person that suffered harm sues the person who caused the harm.	The government takes a case against the accused.
Possible consequences	The court could order the person responsible for the harm to compensate the other person (\$) or to repair the harm in another way.	The court could order different punishments if the accused is found guilty.

The Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA)

<u>Differences Between Civil and Criminal Cases | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca)</u>

<u>Youth and the Criminal Process | Éducaloi (educaloi.qc.ca)</u>

# Sexual violence Domestic violence Sexual consent





#### Protecting our youth

- Complaint to the police or civil lawsuit
- Specialized courts
- Youth division of the Court of Québec
- Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse
- Director of Youth Protection (intervention if a child's safety or development is in danger)





#### Resources

#### For more information:

The Quebec Judicial System – Éducaloi

Youth Protection – Gouvernement of Quebec

Sexual Consent – Tel-jeunes

<u>The separation of powers</u> – Canadian Judicial Council

#### For teaching:

The Law: It's Not Like in the Movies – Éducaloi

Criminal Trials: Actors and Steps- Éducaloi

The Criminal Legal System for Teenagers – Éducaloi

<u>Cyberviolence Among Teens</u> – Juripop



# Who has a role to play in law?

People involved in the field of law





#### **Statement #5**

#### **True or False?**

A notary can represent a client in court.

True!



### Community life and public spaces (secondary I)

- Citizenship (Public institutions)
- Civic engagement

#### Democracy and social order (secondary II)

Social order (Transgressions and sanctions)

### Social groups and power dynamics (secondary V)

Social movements



### Who's involved: Creation and evolution of laws

- Government
- Advocacy and community organizations
- News media
- Civic engagement





#### Who's involved: Application of the law

- Police officers
- Canadian armed forces





### Who's involved: Control of the application of laws

- Courts
  - Judges
  - Court clerks
- Lawyers
- Bailiffs
- Notaries
- Organizations





#### Resources

#### For more information:

Legal Careers - Éducaloi

Pouvoirs et démocratie - National Assembly (French only)

#### For teaching:

<u>Legal Careers Teaching Guide</u> – Éducaloi

State and Justice Throughout History — Éducaloi

Youth at the Heart of Change - Equitas

Sous enquête – Récit CCQ (French only)

Comment un projet devient une loi? - National Assembly (French only)



#### **Statement #6**

#### **True or False?**

Teachers also have a role to play when it comes to the law.

True!



## Being a "law teacher"

Tip, tricks and strategies





#### Scenario #1

#### **Nathalie**

"I have to teach about copyright as it applies to artificial intelligence (AI), but I don't understand anything about it myself."



#### Deepen your understanding of the law

#### Tips, tricks and strategies

- Understand legal concepts thanks to accessible legal information content presented using everyday language.
- Map out the connections between relevant legal concepts.
- Make a list of follow-up, probing questions.



#### Scenario #2

#### Elsa

"I need to talk about social media, but it's a very complex topic. I don't know how to explain where private space ends and public space begins."



#### Clear legal communication

#### Tips, tricks and strategies

- Look up essential éléments and concepts in advance.
- Divide the topic into different, simpler concepts.
- Explain using examples.
- Use metaphors and images.
- Give an overview of the topic without going into too many details.
- Use acronyms for memorization.



#### Scenario #3

#### **Dominic**

"I need to teach students the best practices to prevent fraud, but I realized that I don't follow those practices myself."



#### Finding reliable legal information

#### Tips, tricks and strategies

- Remember that it's impossible to know all the laws.
- Develop a "legal reflex."
- Have an open mind and be ready to change your own practices.
- Save reliable sources.





#### Scenario #4

#### **Dimitri**

"Oops! I just realized that law and justice are not synonyms."

#### **Use critical thinking**

#### Tips, tricks and strategies

- Listen to this seminar again
- Create a network of concepts.
- Analyze a legal case with students.
- Work on legal concepts by having students debate.





#### Scenario #5

#### Carol

"A student asked me a question about the limits of freedom of expression and I don't have the answer."

#### **Knowing your limits**

#### Tips, tricks and strategies

- Remember that laws are complex and full of nuances.
- Turn these questions into a research or debate exercise.
- Identify follow-up, probing questions.
- Refer to resources.
- Explain how you would go about looking for the answer.
- Mention that you cannot give legal advice.





#### Conclusion

#### **External resources**

- Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse (Human rights commission of Quebec)
- Élections Québec
- Equitas
- Mikana
- <u>Tel-jeunes</u>
- Citizenship in the Digital Age RÉCIT-EMSB
- Collectif Ensemble pour l'éducation citoyenne (French only page listing French only or bilingual resources)
- Ma paye, ça compte! Commission des normes, de l'équité, de la santé et de la sécurité du travail (French only)
- Association du Barreau Canadien du Québec (French only)
- Par ici la démocratie (French only)
- <u>Télé-Québec en classe</u> (French only)



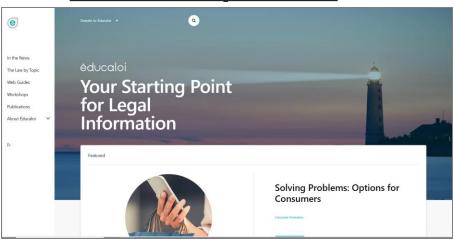
#### Our website for the general public

- Articles explaining the law and legal concepts in accessible language
- For Teenagers section
- News articles
- Order free print content
- Free workshops

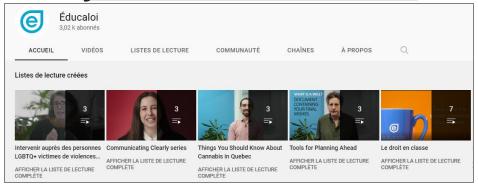
#### **Our Youtube channel**

- Short videos
- Videos for teachers
   (French with English subtitles)

#### educaloi.qc.ca/en

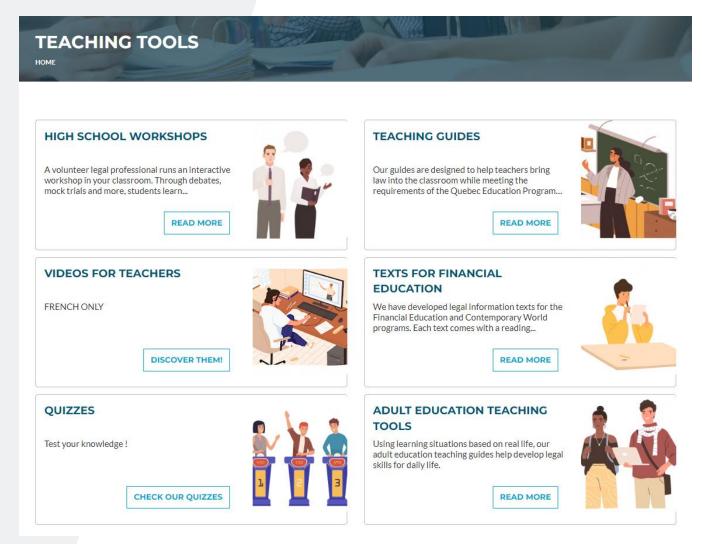


#### youtube.com/educaloi



#### Our resources for teachers

<u>Legallifeskills.ca</u> (educationjuridique.ca)



Ready-to-Use Tools | Legal life Skills (educationjuridique.ca)

#### Our secondary school workshops

Invite a legal expert into your classroom to host a workshop, for free!

What?

9 different workshops to choose from

How?

- 1. Create an account on legallifeskills.ca
- 2. Choose a workshop
- 3. Make a request for specific dates/times

When?

At least three weeks in advance



#### Our teaching guides Lead the class yourself!

What?

16 different guides

How?

Simply download them, free of charge!





#### STATE AND JUSTICE THROUGHOUT HISTORY

The History and Citizenship Education program is packed with legal concepts, many of which relate to laws, personal rights and freedoms.

Level: Secondary Cycle One Subject: History and Citizenship Education Duration: 1 period(s)

MORE INFO



#### A RIGHT TO PRIVACY

This teaching tool gets students thinking about why privacy rights are protected. Activities include discussion questions and a writing.

Level: Secondary 3.4.5 Subject: Ethics and Religious Culture, English Language Arts, Law Duration: 2 period(s)

MORE INFO



Students step into the shoes of a judge, lawye or social worker to write a persuasive or explanatory text on the rights of youth

Level: Secondary 3.4.5 Subject: Ethics and Religious Culture, English Language Arts, Law Duration: 4 period(s)

MORE INFO



This activity introduces students to a variety of jobs that involve the law.

Level: Secondary 3, 4, 5

LEGAL CAREERS

Subject: Personal Orientation Project (POP), Exploration of Vocational Training, Law, Adult Education. Work-Oriented Training Path

MORE INFO



#### SCHOOL SEARCHES AND YOU

This activity prompts students to reflect on invasions of their privacy and learn about their rights regarding

Level: Secondary 3.4.5

Subject: Anglais, langue seconde, Ethics and Religious

Duration: 2 period(s)



### Our websites and social media accounts







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### Questions?



