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A Resource-Based Unit

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Goal: Have students become aware of the political parties in Saskatchewan as well as their leaders and local candidates.

Materials:

- Pictures of Candidates (without names)
- Pictures of Candidates (with names)
- Student Activity Sheets :
    – Provincial Election 2007: Candidate Research
    - Provincial Election 2007: Political Party Research
    - Provincial Election 2007: Invent a Political Party
    - Provincial Election 2007: Treasure Hunt

Lesson 1

- Divide class into four groups by making 'Candidate Puzzles'.
    1. Have the pictures of the candidates, the pictures without names, cut up into the number of students in your class.
    2. Distribute the puzzle pieces and ask students 'to construct' the puzzles by having them search for the other pieces by looking at the puzzle pieces the other students are holding.
    3. Once the 'puzzles' have been constructed, ask students in their groups to guess whose picture they have as well as what important event is taking place in Saskatchewan.
- Have students research their assigned candidate as a group. (Each student completes the activity sheet *Provincial Election 2007: Candidate Research*)

Lesson 2

- Explain the following vocabulary:
    - **Crown corporation** : business owned by the government such as SaskTel, SaskPower, SaskEnergy
    - **Political platform**: a declaration of the principles adopted by a political party; campaign promises

- **Constituency**: an electoral district; area the candidate represents such as Prince Albert Carlton or Prince Albert Northcote
- Have students, in their assigned groups, research facts about the political party of their assigned candidate. (Activity Sheet: *Provincial Election 2007: Political Party Research*)

Lesson 3

- Have each student invent a fictitious party and candidate. (Activity Sheet: *Provincial Election 2007: Invent a Political Party*)

Lesson 4

- Choose a newspaper article (or have the students choose their own newspaper article about the provincial election) and have the students find the 5Ws.

Ongoing Activity

- Treasure Hunt: (Activity Sheet for the teacher to keep score: *Provincial Election 2007: Treasure Hunt*)
    - The groups formed during lesson 1 are invited to participate in the treasure hunt. Groups are asked to gather the following items from home to gain points for their team:
        - A newspaper article: 2 points
        - A pamphlet, booklet or other printed document representing a political party: 3 points
        - A candidate: 10 points

Resources:

Saskatchewan Liberal Party - **www.saskliberal.sk.ca**

Saskatchewan Party - **www.saskparty.com/index.cfm?page=3**

Saskatchewan New Democrats Party- **www.saskndp.com**

Green Party of Saskatchewan- **www.greenpartysask.ca**

> **Tip:** If you do not have access to the computer lab, print off one copy of the biography and the political platform for each group.

ELECTION PHOTOS

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2007 – CANDIDATE RESEARCH

Name: _____

Name of candidate: _____

Political party: _____

Personal Life (Family): Spouse _____

Number of children: _____

Education: _____

              _____

Employment: _____

              _____

              _____

 Political Experience: _____

                      _____

                      _____

                      _____

Source of Information: _____
(Title of Web site)

Publication Date: _____

Date the Web site was visited: _____

PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2007:
POLITICAL PARTY RESEARCH

Name: _____

Name of political party: _____

Party Logo: _____

Colours used: _____, _____, _____

Picture of the logo:

Which candidate is representing Prince Albert Carlton? _____

Which candidate is representing Prince Albert Northcote?: _____

What is the party's political platform?:
(Other key words could be: policy, issues)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2007:
INVENT A POLITICAL PARTY

Name: _____

Name of the political party: _____

Name of the leader: _____

The party slogan: _____

The logo:

The political platform of the party:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

- a newspaper article (n) : 2 points
- a pamphlet, booklet or other printed document representing a political party (p): 3 points
- a candidate (c) : 10 points

Date	Saskatchewan Party	Saskatchewan New Democrats Party	Saskatchewan Liberal Party	Green Party of Saskatchewan
Total				