



The Future of the Supreme Court of Canada

Student worksheet

Use this worksheet to guide your thinking before, during, and after the video that you will watch. As you watch, focus on how the role of the Supreme Court of Canada may continue to evolve as new legal and societal challenges emerge.

Before you watch

The Supreme Court of Canada plays an important role in interpreting the law, protecting rights, and ensuring that governments act within the Constitution. As Canadian society continues to change, the Court will be asked to consider new and complex issues that may not have clear answers.

What challenges do you think the Supreme Court of Canada may face in the future? Identify three possible challenges and explain why each one may be important.

Challenge	Why is this important?

While you watch

As you watch the video, identify key issues the Supreme Court of Canada may face in the future and explain why they are important.

Issue	Why is this an important challenge for the Supreme Court?
Environmental rights	
New technologies (AI)	

Issue	Why is this an important challenge for the Supreme Court?
Indigenous rights (Section 35 of Constitution)	
Notwithstanding Clause (Section 33 of the Charter)	
Your choice: What other issue discussed in the video may be a future challenge for the Supreme Court?	

After you watch

Looking at the challenges discussed in the video, what do these issues suggest about the future role of the Supreme Court of Canada?

Which issue discussed in the video do you think will have the greatest impact on Canada in the future? Explain your answer.

The rule of law is an important principle in Canada's legal system. Why is it important that governments respect decisions made by the Supreme Court of Canada, even when they disagree?
