

CLN 4U1 – Canadian and International Law
Unit 1: Introduction-Review

Law and Change

- Factors affecting Change
- Necessary Conditions for Change- Rule of Law (3 tenants)
Democratic Government(vs authoritarian gov't)
Independent Judicial System
- Changes through Individual Action
- Changes through Collective Action: Lobby groups, Royal Commissions, Legal Scholarships
- Understanding law through Cases: R v Ewanchuck, Sue Rodriguez, Morgentaler, Lavalee

Primary and Secondary Sources of Law

- understand and explain any of the following concepts:
 - jurisprudence,
 - primary sources of law and secondary sources of law.
 - Historical Influences:
 - Greek, Roman, English, French civilization
 - Consider:* juries, democracy, civic participation, codification, Twelve Tables. first legal advisors, the Justinian and Napoleonic Codes, French Civil law (Quebec), assizes
 - under what circumstances would trial by ordeal, combat, or oath helping be used
 - describe the development of case law within feudal England
 - Students will explain the significance of the following events and historical figures:
 - The Role of William the Conqueror
 - King Henry II's system of assizes
 - Magna Carta, 1215 (King John)
- Customs and Conventions
- Influence Social and political philosophy (ex. CCF (NDP) and Bloc Quebecois)
- Hierarchy of Law –Const., statute, case/common law
- How a bill becomes a law
- Case Law: explain the following terms and concepts associated with case law:
 - precedence / precedent
 - stare decisis
 - ratio decidendi
 - abstraction
- understand and be able to distinguish between the various categories into which law can be classified, including:
 - substantive and procedural law;
 - domestic and international law;
 - private (civil) law:
 - contract law
 - property law
 - tort law
 - family law, and
 - corporate law
 - public law:
 - constitutional law
 - criminal law, and
 - administrative law

Philosophy of Law

- understand the legal theories of such thinkers as:
 - Socrates
 - Plato
 - Aristotle
 - St. Thomas Aquinas
 - Thomas Hobbes
 - John Austin, and
 - Jeremy Bentham
 - Marx
 - Selznick

- Concepts such as :
 - Feminist jurisprudence
 - Restraint of power concept
 - positive law and natural law in our Constitution

Question Type:

Unit test will include: Multiple choice
Matching
Short Answer

...and may include: Reading/comprehension
Long answer
case analysis
essay

- approx 60-70 marks