

- **New Canadian Flag Bill:** June 1964 was the year of the great flag debate. It was an idea first proposed by Lester B. Pearson, which became a long, protracted, complicated debate with committees, a filibuster, a bitter and country-wide debate and finally it was put to the vote in in the House and Senate. Six months after its initial proposal, the new Canadian flag became the official flag when the Queen made the Royal Proclamation in January 1965.
- **The Medical Assistance in Dying Act:** This act, passed in June 2016, allows medical assistance (from physicians, nurse practitioners, etc.) in the dying process for the grievously and irremediably ill.
- **The Same Sex Marriage Bill:** This bill was passed on July 20, 2005, giving the right to same-sex couples to marry and divorce.
- **The Canadian Bill of Rights:** This bill was introduced by John Diefenbaker and passed on August 10, 1960. It is considered the forerunner to the constitution's Charter of Rights and Freedoms as it brought in first protections for our basic rights to life, liberty and security of the person, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, equality rights, etc.
- **The Official Languages Act:** Passed in 1969, this act made English and French the official languages of Canada and created the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

1. Which bill did you choose?

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2. Who proposed this bill? What riding did they represent?

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3. Why did they propose this bill? How is it linked to their riding?

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4. Who benefitted the most from this bill? Who did not? Why?

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5. What were some of the issues debated regarding this bill?

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