Prime Minister’s Questions

After you have received your party assignment, and once your party has elected its leadership, use the websites provided to analyze and define the respective political positions of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat and Labour and regional parties on the following issues:

✓ Immigration, Race, Religion, Refugees
✓ Britain and European Union
✓ Economic Policy, Taxation
✓ Environmental Policy
✓ Education Policy
✓ Health Care Policy
✓ Energy Policy
✓ Trade Unions

Each student should prepare at least 5 questions to ask of the Prime Minister. We will not assign members a specific constituency. Therefore, we will limit questions to those of current national concern. Your questions may be written out and you may refer to notes when speaking.

It is expected that the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Party members work in tandem with the Prime Minister to develop their questions. The Prime Minister is expected to have a notebook for reference.

Labour and regional party members WILL NOT share their questions with the Prime Minister prior to Question Time. They must, however, construct their questions based upon well known policies and from the general policy categories listed above.

All questions must be directed to the Prime Minister and must ALWAYS be in question form. The questioning of the Prime Minister, as well as responses given, must always be in a civil and appropriate manner. Questions are to be asked one at a time with no follow up questions with the exception of the Labour party leader. The Labour party leader will conduct a brief exchange with the Prime Minister near the beginning of Question Time.

Participation is ESSENTIAL for this activity. All members of the House of Commons are expected to contribute to Prime Ministers questions. You will be graded on your oral presentation only. You will not turn in a list of questions for a grade. Traditionally, Prime Ministers Questions lasts 30 minutes, but our simulation will run longer to accommodate as many questions as possible.