



Learning about the Montana Legislature

1. What is a “representative democracy?” What are its strengths, what are its weaknesses?
2. What types of policy decisions does the Montana Legislature make that impact your life?
3. Do you think an 18-year-old could be an effective legislator? Why or why not?
4. Hundreds of bills are introduced in a legislative session. How can legislators make informed decisions on how to vote for a bill? What strategies do they use?
5. Do you believe it’s important for citizens to get involved in the activities of the state Legislature? Why or why not? How can students get involved?
6. Do you think students are “turned off” by politics and government? Why or why not?
7. What would encourage students to be more actively involved?

Questions adapted from <http://leg.mt.gov/css/For-the-Classroom/Student-Guide/Default.asp>



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