

Week 6

New Zealand Decides Who Will be Their Next Leaders



What do the Parties Stand For? What are their Platforms?

1. New Zealand Labour Party (Labour): The Labour Party has historically been one of the major parties and tends toward liberal policies.
2. New Zealand National Party (National): The National Party is the main opposition party in New Zealand and tends to be conservative.
3. Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand (Greens): The Green Party is known for its focus on environmental and social justice issues.
4. ACT New Zealand (ACT): ACT is a right-leaning (conservative-leaning) party that advocates for free-market policies and individual freedoms.
5. Māori Party: The Māori Party represents the interests of the indigenous Māori population in New Zealand and focuses on Māori rights, culture, and issues.
6. New Zealand First Party (NZ First): NZ First is a party that was founded by Winston Peters and trends toward traditional, old-fashioned values.

Success Criteria:

By the end of the next two weeks students will be familiar with and be able to recount at least two major ideas from one of the main political party platforms in New Zealand.

Week 6 Lesson 1:

In your assigned groups, you will present and discuss the major policy platform of your chosen party based on examining the party website. Each person will have 5 minutes to present the policy and 5 minutes of group discussion time. Your short presentation will include the following:

1. Name of Problem:
2. Outline the party plan to address it
3. How much will it cost:
4. How is it an improvement of the status quo (the way things are now)

Week 6 Lessons 2 & 3:

Students will work on their assessment which will be handed out Lesson 2. We will work on the assessment the rest of this Week and Week 7. During Week 8 we will have class work and you will work on the assessment during your own time. It is due on Friday of Week 8.