NB Election – Research Project

Over the next 3 weeks we will research and analyze the lead up and aftermath of the 2014 New Brunswick Provincial Election. This project will allow us to focus on several key curriculum outcomes including, but not limited to:

* defending one’s position in response to opposing points of view (S&L 1)
* participate in a formal debate (S&L 2)
* analyze and synthesize researched information from a variety of texts (R&V 5)
* investigate a news report and collect additional information from other sources to provide a more complete account (R&V 5)
* recognize one’s own bias and bias that may be present in texts (R&V 6)
* demonstrate an inquiring and critical approach to information (R&V 7)
* note reactions, confusions, questions, associations, etc. while reading (W8)
* present ideas in ways that are meaningful and engaging for them and other audiences (W9)
* use reference tools effectively (W10)

What you are asked to do:

* You will read through each of the sections party platforms concerning a topic of your choice (ex: education, job creation, health care, etc.).
* As you read through each platform you are asked to take notes along the way (Your notes will be submitted as part of your mark for this project).
* To easily access the party platforms simply google :
* “New Brunswick Conservative Party Platform”

“New Brunswick Liberal Party Platform”

“New Brunswick Green Party Platform”

“New Brunswick NDP platform”

and “New Brunswick People’s Alliance Platform”

* Your final report must contain references from each of the 5 party platforms, at least one email interview (I encourage you to email some well thought out questions to each candidate in your riding), as well as at least 3 secondary sources (news articles)

Options your final report:

1. You can prepare a persuasive essay arguing which platform you believe is the best for your chosen topic
2. You can create your own well researched and well written party platform on the topic of your choice
3. Write a script and create a video arguing why your platform would be the best for the future of education, job creation, etc.