A political party is a group of people who think similarly about government, and who are organized to nominate and support candidates in elections.

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To which party did Prime Minister John A. Macdonald belong?

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Name a more recent prime minister who belonged to the same party as John A.

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In December 2003, the Alliance Party and the Progressive Conservative Party joined to become the Conservative Party of Canada. Why do you think they decided to do this?

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Who is the leader of WLMK’s party today?

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Give the current name of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), which began during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

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Who is the current leader of what was the CCF party?

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Draw the logos of each of the main political parties in Canada today. Under the logo, write the name of the party and one sentence in your own words describing what this party stands for.

Why are political parties important in Canadian government?

Conservative Party of Canada: <http://www.conservative.ca>
Liberal Party of Canada, Who We Are, History and Philosophy: <http://www.liberal.ca>
New Democratic Party, About Us, Mission Statement: <http://www.ndp.ca>