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**Monday: 2:30-5:30 p.m.**  
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**ESSAY TOPICS**

Cite material in an appropriate manner.

Length: 4,000 words

Due: March 26 2011

Keep a copy of your essay.

1. Consider housing policy at both federal and provincial levels.. Why has the role of governments decreased in this field? Explore the links between housing policy and social policy.
2. Has the Harper government enhanced the role of the military in Canadian foreign policy? Does a larger military make Canada more influential?
3. Examine the government's approach to global warming. Does it primarily reflect the interests of the oil industry?
4. Is Canadian health care spending sustainable? Or will it bankrupt Canada? Is increased private sector spending necessary?
5. Examine Harper' attachment to the north. Will increased military spending protect Canadian sovereignty?
6. Has Canada failed to innovate in the field of high technology? What accounts for this poor performance?
7. Should harm reduction be the approach to the use of marijuana and other drugs?
8. Is the recognition of reserve lands as private property the solution to the problems facing reserves?
9. Are the chief executive officers of large companies overpaid? Should governments do something about this? Should corporations limit executive salaries?
10. What should federal and provincial governments do support the retirement incomes of baby boomers. Should the Canada pension plan be revamped?
11. Should Canada have a population policy with goals for immigration and birth rates?
12. Examine Canada's conflicting language policies.