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What is a Political System?

1. A political system consists of institutions that have to decide how they will relate to one another. Name three institutions of the European Union.

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2. Interest groups and political parties help citizens voice their demands to the political system. Try to determine whom the following interest groups aim to help, or what sort of issues these groups support (use the alphabetical listing provided by the EU Learning website).

i. AIESEC: _____

ii. Amnesty International: _____

iii. European Anti-Poverty Network: _____

3. Collective decisions made by the European Union, such as decisions on food safety, affect daily life for Europeans.

i. What are some factors that might cause people to believe their food is unsafe?
(Discussion)

ii. What are the “three pillars” of the European Union’s food safety strategy?

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iii. What is the regulation on the general principles of food safety called?

iv. How do you think Europeans can benefit from this regulation on food safety?

v. Can you think of examples where similar regulations exist in Canada?

4. Citizens' demands can affect the decisions made by a political system. What are three ways people can express their opinions on European Union policies?

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