**EXAMPLE STORY BOARD 1ST DRAFT – PRIME MINISTER SONG (Can Be Used As Template)**

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\*The following is a first draft of a storyboard I made for a ‘Prime Minister’ video, after I found out I would be going to Ottawa (Capitol City of Canada) for a family wedding. Before planning the video, I recorded the song ‘Prime Minister’. The storyboard frame itself works as follows;

- At the top, the lyrical breaks of the song are noted by seconds in.

- The first box underneath that indicates an ideal photo idea, if available, to deal with that portion of the song.

- The bottom indicates the text to be placed over the pictures, whether that is the title of the song, the lyrics, or credits.

The reason I’m providing this storyboard draft is as an example. Chances are that, even while I’m in Ottawa, I won’t get a chance to take all the pictures I want in here, but it’s good to have a plan. Even if the plan is later considerably revised, & you make do with the photos or video you have available to you, the plan gets you started.

\*\*Not all picture boxes need to be filled in. This is a structured idea-generating activity. The lyrics & timing do need to be indicated, though, for it to be at all useful.

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\*\*Teachers should note; it took me about 2.5 hours to do this much, and this was not my first time. In my experience it takes students 2 – 3 times longer to do what I have done, so consider that in the assessment if you provide this kind of work as an alternative project.

Prime Minister – STORY BOARD- Top layer Seconds into song (not visible in slide show), 1st boxes pic ideas, 2nd boxes lyrics or info.

\*\*Some extra info can be introduced onto the pictures themselves, using Paint or another photo editing/modification program.

\*A couple of introductory pics… showing the title of the song, etc.,. Special Thanks to …… for sharing information & pictures regarding the …….., and to …….a who were willing to share with us. I am keeping in mind the need to reference the names of people in the photos, as well as crediting the photographer for each.

(Intro slides) (There are almost 16 seconds before the song starts)(This gives 4 seconds per slide)

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| 1. …… picture… | 2. ….. | 1. …… | 1. …… |
| Song title; |  | Acknowledgements re: song |  |

16 – 20 seconds 21 – 24 seconds

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| 1. Photo – Prime Minister addressing cabinet or caucus or party or government, from a painting, at Parliament Buildings | 1. Similar group photo, PM right in the middle. |
| I see you always standing in a group | …always see you at the center. |

25 – 28 seconds 29 – 32 seconds

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| 1. A more feisty picture, looks like PM arguing with someone or making a point. Or Trudeau shrug. | 1. …… |
| Maybe you should start yourself a coup… | Take over from the governmenters… |

33 – 36 seconds 37 – 38 seconds 39 – 40 seconds 41 – 43 seconds

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|  | 1. Convention painting or photo | 1. Same photo, different lyrics overlaid. | 1. Election photo |
| You could start a political party… | They’d have a convention, | so they could make you leader. | Canada’d have an election. |

44 – 47 seconds 48 – 53 seconds 54 – 57 seconds

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| 1. Victory speech photo or painting | | 1. Pic of another Prime Minister (try older at this point) – maybe 2 pics with same lyrics | 1. How is cabinet selection done, and how would it be pictured? Maybe a P.M. pic with a cabinet… perhaps one like where P.E. Trudeau is with Chretien & Martin or something. | |
| Your party’d win… | You’d be the Prime Minister | You would be Prime Minister | …And you would choose cabinet | |
| 58 seconds – 1:01 | |  | 1:02 – 1:06 |  |
| 1. Picture of the Senate Chamber? | | |  | |
| You might pick a new senator… | | | Decide how the money got spent… | |

1:07 – 1:11 1:12 – 1:14 1:15 – 1:17

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| 1. Ceremony picture of PM shaking hand of an M.P. & M.P. looking really pleased, or P.M. supporting M.P.’s campaign. | 1. Pic focusing on one backbencher among a group. | | | 1. Another P.M. picture | |
| And I would be so honoured… | To be a Member of Parliament, | | | If you were Prime Minister | |
| 1:18 – 1:23 | | 1:24 – 1:27 | 1:28 – 1:31 | |
| 1. Another P.M. picture | | 1. Supreme Court building | 1. A newspaper article/headline vs. Prime Minister | | |
| … My Prime Minister. | | I take federal offense | When anyone says a word against you. | | |

1:32 – 1:35 1:36 – 1:39 1:40 – 1:43 1:44 – 1:47

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| 1. Photo showing P.M. & tension | 1. Photo showing adulating crowd w P.M. (Maybe during Trudeau Mania?) | 1. Another P.M. | 1. Another P.M. |
| Tend to get all present tense… | ‘Cuz nobody knows your worth like I do… | You should be Prime Minister | You should choose Cabinet |

1:48 – 1:51 1:52 – 1:55 1:56 – 1:59 2:00 – 2:03

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| 1. Revenue Canada building photo | 1. Another P.M. (Mulroney) | 1. Another P.M. | 1. Another P.M. |
| We should pay your taxes | You’d make sure the money got spent, | If you were Prime Minister | My Prime Minister… |

2:04 – 2:08 2:09 – 2:11 2:12 – 2:16 2:17 – 2:20

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| 1. Chretien holding a golf ball | 1. House of Commons seating |  |  |
| Some say it sounds sinister. | I think it’s the House of Common-sense… | And I would expose my hypocrisy | That lies beneath my false democracy |

2:21 – 2:24 2:25 – 2:27 2:28 – 2:30 2:31 – 2:33

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| 1. Protest pic | 1. Inside Supreme Court building? | 1. Another P.M. | 1. Another P.M. |
| I think that those who’d oppose your win | Should get life inside the sin bin. | You should be Prime Minister | |

2:34 – 2:37 2:38 – 2:40 2:41 – 2:44

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| 1. Another P.M. | 1. Another P.M. | 1. Another P.M. |
| You should be, you should be Prime Minister | | You should be, you should be… |

2:45 – 2:48 2:49 – 2:52 2:53 – 2:56

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| 1. Another P.M. | 1. Another P.M. | 1. Another P.M. |
| Prime… | | Time |

2:57 – 3:00 3:01 – 3:08

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| Another P.M. | Canadian flag, group of people around it? | |
| No text | Some credits & info | Credits & info, refer to web site |

End with ‘credits’ – thanks for photos and information, organizations that do the work, etc.

The goals of this slide show are..

* To provide an educational resource for students learning Canadian government & the role of the Prime Minister
* To provide some historical information & visual references regarding Canadian Prime Ministers & the Canadian political system
* To suggest the possibility (in the video, moreso than in the song) that a student or students may reasonably aspire to be Prime Minister one day.
* To encourage (again in the video, moreso than in the song) student involvement in issues relevant to Canadians.