

A LEVEL POLITICS:

TASKS

As Politics will be a new subject to you, think about what 'politics' means. Why is it important? How does it affect our lives? Start thinking about how the UK government functions and how that impacts upon the country. Which political parties appeal to you and why? Which Prime Minister do you admire and why? What are the biggest challenges facing our democracy today?

1. Create a fact file on your chosen PM since 1997. What factors made them successful? Give examples of their policies. What were their successes? What were the limits to this?
2. Create a leaflet on your chosen political party (either Conservative or Labour) How did they do in the 2019 election? What are their current policies? How do these differ from those of the past? What aspects of their policy programme do you find appealing and why? What do you not agree with and why?
3. Write a speech on an issue affecting UK democracy today. Make a case for tackling this problem. Outline and explain the problems you see and the solutions you think would address them. Make sure you could deal with arguments against your proposal and show how you think your argument is the most convincing.

RESEARCH

1. Find out about a PM since 1997. Think about what makes a successful PM and research the events around their time in office
2. Research either the Conservative & Unionist Party or the Labour Party. Read about how the parties started, the key people and the policies they have followed
3. 3. Research the views on UK democracy today. What are the problems people see? What reforms do people want? Can you suggest any changes to our democracy to improve it?

RECOMMENDED READING

'Edexcel AS & A Level Politics' published by Pearson. As Politics is a current subject, wider reading and research around topics is essential.



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WEBSITES AND ONLINE LEARNING MATERIALS

There is a huge amount of information readily available online. But here are some starting points -
WEBSITES:

www.bbc.co.uk/politics,

<https://www.totalpolitics.com/>

<https://www.parliament.uk/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics>

<https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/politics>

<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/magazines/magazines-extras/politics-review-extras>

PODCASTS :

Stitcher – A-level politics podcast

Beyond Westminster

The Westminster Hour

Politics.co.uk podcasts

Guardian 'politics weekly' podcasts

Going the way of the dodo

10 of the best podcasts

Takes from the lobby

Learn out loud podcasts

TV :

Politics Live – BBC iPlayer

The Andrew Marr Show

The Politics Show, Question Time