



Politics – Of the people, for the people, by the people.

Summer Task 1

What is Politics?

You need to find out about the UK and US political institutions and write a guide as to how they work, what they do and define key words.

1. What is the executive?
2. What is the Judiciary?
3. What is the legislative system?
4. In the UK – what are the Houses of Parliament, who sits in them, when and what do they do?
5. In the UK, what is a whip, government minister and cabinet member?
6. In the UK, what types of elections do we have, who can vote and what electoral system.
7. In the USA – what is congress, who sits in them, when and what do they do?
8. What are the two main political parties of the USA and what are their beliefs and histories – in brief.
9. Comparison of the UK vs US political system – similarities and differences

Summer Task 2

Wider reading – have a look through these resources:

- Politics Edexcel:
https://padlet.com/cwlc_amk/piipagxzxu3c
https://padlet.com/cwlc_amk/jtvdkaftp3ss
- Politically exciting:
https://padlet.com/cwlc_amk/kriog65js15l

Additional Preparation

1. Download - the guardian app, BBC News, Reuters and maybe sign up for The Economist at £12 for 12 issues.

Buy me

- 'Edexcel As/A Level Politics' –
- ISBN – 9781292187020
- https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Politics-Level-Student-Book/dp/1292187026/ref=pd_sim_14_2/262-4363320-4019956?_encoding=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=YPMJRGGZ2HQ0PD934ZRJ

or

Edexcel UK Government and Politics for AS/A Level Fifth Edition

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Edexcel-Government-Politics-Level-Fifth/dp/1471889319/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1530100251&sr=1-3&keywords=edexcel+government+politics

Useful websites

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics/parliaments>

<http://alevelpolitics.com/>

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk/commentisfree>

<http://www.livingroomcandidate.org/>

<http://www.economist.com/blogs>

<http://conservativehome.blogs.com/>

<http://www.leftfootforward.org/> www.rnc.org

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