



Subject: Politics A-level (Enrichment Material)

Know it (Knowledge)	Use it (Application)	Stretch it (Development)
Read Machiavelli's 'The Prince' Follow Link 1 (below)	Consider the following questions: Does Machiavelli believe that ethical considerations have a role to play in the conduct of a prince? According to Machiavelli, what roles do fate and fortune play in human life? Does Machiavelli believe that political entities are created by human effort, or do they exist naturally? In securing the state, to what extent should a prince be motivated by the happiness of the people? Why does Machiavelli believe that a prince must be willing to use force to achieve his ends? According to Machiavelli, do moral ends justify immoral means? How does Machiavelli define virtue?	Consider Machiavelli's writing, how does it reflect Conservative views of international order. Under what circumstances is a state charged with upholding the law justified in breaking it? Must political power always be a corrupting influence on those who possess it?
Construct a table detailing changing voting behaviour in the four general elections of the 2010s. Pay particular attention to the descriptors of social class, based on occupation from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).	Using your knowledge and understanding of UK Politics, analyse and evaluate the current strength of nationalist parties in the four regions of the United Kingdom. Use polling data as well as outcomes of recent local, devolved, national and European elections to support your work.	To what extent is the Labour Party now a spent force in British politics? Use the recent experience of three unsuccessful Labour leaders to support your answer.

Links to websites used in this A-level enrichment sheet:

Link 1: <https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/the-prince.pdf>



<p>Read: John Mearsheimer's lecture 'Can China rise peacefully?' https://www.alevelpolitics.com/global/can-china-rise-peacefully-lecture-with-john-j-mearsheimer</p> <p>Watch: 'What is wrong with Globalisation? Economics for People' by Ha-Joon Chang. https://www.alevelpolitics.com/global/video-what-is-wrong-with-globalisation-economics-for-people-with-ha-joon-chang</p> <p>Listen: 'Does China really want to rule the world?' https://www.alevelpolitics.com/global/audio-does-china-really-want-to-rule-the-world</p>	<p>Using your research, consider if China has the capacity to overcome the might of the US in the next 50 years?</p> <p>Does Trump's anti-China stance make war between the countries inevitable?</p>	<p>Does China's growth move the international order back to Bi-Polarity? How might this be perceived by Francis Fukuyama and Samuel Huntington?</p>
<p>Pick a European country outside the UK.</p> <p>Describe the current strengths and weaknesses of its political system.</p>	<p>Use your knowledge of current geopolitical issues to analyse and assess the current impact of international non-governmental organisations such as Oxfam and Amnesty.</p>	<p>To what extent is a world government a practical solution to the global issues the planet now faces?</p> <p>Use examples from health, education and the environment to support your answer.</p>

Wider reading with Curriculum Links

Conservatism	Key Work	Link
Thomas Hobbes	<i>Leviathan</i>	https://www.gutenberg.org/files/3207/3207-h/3207-h.htm
Edmund Burke	<i>Burke's Writings & Speeches</i>	https://www.gutenberg.org/files/15043/15043-h/15043-h.htm
Michael Oakeshott	<i>Rationalism in Politics</i>	https://pierre-legrand.com/oakeshott.pdf
Ayn Rand	<i>Atlas Shrugged</i>	https://www.nationallibertyalliance.org/files/docs/Books/Atlas%20Shrugged.pdf
Robert Nozick	<i>Anarchy, State, and Utopia</i>	https://antilogicalism.files.wordpress.com/2018/04/anarchy-state-utopia.pdf
Socialism		
Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels	<i>Capital A Critique of Political Economy</i> <i>Manifesto of the Communist Party</i>	https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/download/pdf/Capital-Volume-I.pdf https://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/download/pdf/Manifesto.pdf
Rosa Luxemburg	<i>Collected Works</i>	https://www.marxists.org/archive/luxemburg/index.htm
Beatrice Webb	<i>Collected Works</i>	https://digital.library.lse.ac.uk/collections/webb
Anthony Crosland	<i>The Future of Socialism</i>	https://link.springer.com/book/10.1057%2F9780230376687
Anthony Giddens	<i>The Third Way: The Renewal of Social Democracy</i>	Follow Link 2 (at the end of this table)



Liberalism		
John Locke	<i>An Essay Concerning Human Nature</i>	Follow Link 3 (at the end of this table)
Joh Stuart Mill	<i>On Liberty</i>	https://socialsciences.mcmaster.ca/econ/ugcm/3li3/mill/liberty.pdf
John Rawls	<i>A Theory of Justice</i>	Follow Link 4 (at the end of this table)
Betty Frieden	<i>The Feminine Mystique</i>	https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/ows/seminars/tcentury/FeminineMystique.pdf
Multiculturalism		
Will Kymlicka	<i>Multiculturalism: Success, Failure and the Future</i>	https://kf.or.kr/file/pdf/Will%20Kymlicka.pdf
Tariq Madood	<i>Muslims and the Politics of Difference</i>	http://www.tariqmodood.com/uploads/1/2/3/9/12392325/muslims_politics_difference.pdf
Isaiah Berlin	<i>Two Concepts of Liberty</i>	https://cactus.dixie.edu/green/B_ Readings/I_Berlin%20Two%20Concepts%20of%20Liberty.pdf
Bhikhu Parekh	<i>Rethinking Multiculturalism</i>	https://is.muni.cz/el/1421/podzim2011/HIA261/Parekh_Rethinking_multiculturalism.pdf
Charles Taylor	<i>The Politics of Recognition</i>	http://elplandehiram.org/documentos/JoustingNYC/Politics_of_Recognition.pdf

Further reading with Curriculum Links:

Link 2: <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/reviews/capsule-review/1999-03-01/third-way-renewal-social-democracy>

Link 3: <https://oll.libertyfund.org/titles/locke-the-works-vol-1-an-essay-concerning-human-understanding-part-1>

Link 4: http://www.consiglio.region.campania.it/cms/CM_PORTALE_CRC/servlet/Docs?dir=docs_biblio&file=BiblioContenuto_3641.pdf

Beyond the A-level Politics Curriculum

A critical part of your Politics' studies is the ability to draw on a wide range of contextual materials. Whilst your lessons will include a number of case studies, the top grades in A-level Politics are awarded to those students who can synoptically weave between significant case studies drawing on a range of critical viewpoints. Please find below, a number of links that will help you develop your understanding of contextual events that you can use to justify points in assignments.

UK Broadsheet newspapers	Useful websites
The Times: https://www.thetimes.co.uk	
The Independent: https://www.independent.co.uk	
The Guardian: https://www.theguardian.com/uk	
The Telegraph: https://www.telegraph.co.uk	
The Financial Times: https://www.ft.com	
	BBC: https://www.bbc.co.uk News https://www.bbc.co.uk/news and politics https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics from the UK and around the world. Liberty: https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk Civil and human rights campaign movement. UK Parliament website: https://www.parliament.uk Live debates and news from the House of Commons and Lords, information on upcoming legislation and bills, clear explanations on the structure and running of government and ways to get involved in politics.



	<p>Reform Acts and representative democracy: Overview, key dates and other resources from UK Parliament website. Follow Link 5 (at the end of this table)</p> <p>Democratic Audit UK: http://www.democraticaudit.com/2016/06/06/how-effective-is-parliament-in-controlling-uk-government-and-representing-citizens/</p> <p>Independent research unit based at the London School of Economics that monitors 'democracy' and 'freedom' in Britain and produces a range of blogs http://www.democraticaudit.com/our-work/the-2017-audit-of-uk-democracy/ assessments, reports and election data.</p>
<p>Magazines and Periodicals</p> <p>The Economist: https://www.economist.com Broadly liberal freemarket weekly publication offering news and views on international current affairs, politics, business, finance, science, technology and the arts, established 1843.</p> <p>The Spectator: https://www.spectator.co.uk Right-wing weekly magazine on current affairs, politics and culture, published since 1828.</p> <p>NewStatesman: https://www.newstatesman.com/uk Largely left-wing magazine focusing on current affairs, world politics, science, technology and the arts. Established in 1913.</p> <p>Private Eye: https://www.private-eye.co.uk Weekly satirical current affairs magazine taking a poke at the establishment and exposing what's really going on behind the scenes.</p> <p>Foreign Affairs: https://www.foreignaffairs.com US foreign policy and international affairs publication and website, established in 1922.</p>	<p>Television, Radio and Podcasts</p> <p>Newsnight: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mk25 Current affairs programme (on BBC 2) famous for rigorous cross-examination of senior political figures and news analysis.</p> <p>Question Time: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t1q9 Topical news debate (BBC 1), presented by David Dimbleby, featuring key political and public figures who answer questions posed by the public.</p> <p>Panorama: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006t14n Current affairs programme (BBC 1) featuring interviews and investigative reports on a wide range of issues.</p> <p>Sophy Ridge on Sunday: Political correspondent Sophy Ridge covers the major political issues of the week on Sky's Sunday news programme. Follow Link 6 (at the end of this table)</p> <p>Peston on Sunday: https://www.itv.com/news/topic/peston-on-sunday/ ITV political discussion programme on the week's news led by Robert Peston and featuring politicians and public figures.</p> <p>The Andrew Marr Show: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0080bbs Andrew Marr, former BBC Political Editor, explores the week's current affairs and interviews key political figures.</p> <p>Have I Got News for You: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mkw3 Comedy news quiz (BBC 1) with celebrity guests and regulars Ian Hislop and Paul Merton.</p> <p>PM: https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09295dd Daily news/current affairs coverage from BBC Radio 4.</p>



Today in Parliament:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09295dd>

News, views and features on today's stories in Parliament from the BBC.

In Our Time: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl>

Highly acclaimed BBC Radio 4 discussion programme presented by Melvyn Bragg exploring the history of ideas.

The Week in Westminster:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b011290g>

Guest political journalists take a look behind the scenes this week in Westminster, BBC Radio 4.

The News Quiz:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006r9yg>

Topical news quiz (BBC radio 4) where the players offer a humorous take on the week's events.

Politics UK Archive:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p002vsn2/episodes/player>

Weekly view inside British politics from the BBC. The archive includes a wide range of issues.

Political Thinking with Nick Robinson:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04z203l>

Former BBC Politics Editor reviews the week in politics.

Further links to websites and broadcasts used in this A-level enrichment sheet:

Link 5: <https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/houseofcommons/reformacts/>

Link 6: <https://news.sky.com/story/sophy-ridge-on-sunday-politics-live-10738566>