



Subject: Politics Pre-A-level

Know it (Knowledge)	Use it (Application)	Stretch it (Development)
<p>Construct a table detailing British major political parties and their main policies on the economy, welfare, law and order and foreign policy.</p> <p>Use the most recent election manifesto for each party to consolidate this knowledge.</p>	<p>Analyse (explain) and evaluate (assess) the outcome of the most recent general election held on 12 December 2019 to account for Boris Johnson’s convincing 80-seat House of Commons majority.</p> <p>Use both print and online media to support that analysis and evaluation, but be aware of the likelihood of editorial bias in all political literature used.</p>	<p>To what extent is the current malaise over Brexit a consequence of a populist takeover of political discourse in this country?</p> <p>Use the recent American experience, and the political phenomenon that is Donald Trump to support your answer.</p>
<p>Investigate the origins of the UK Parliament’s power. What does the term ‘uncodified’ mean? What are the major sources of the UK constitution? Develop an understanding of what is meant by the term ‘Parliamentary sovereignty’.</p>	<p>Review the Supreme Court Case: Miller vs The Secretary of State for Exiting the EU (2017). Assess whether you feel the Supreme Court undermined the power of the Prime Minister in favour of maintaining Parliament’s sovereignty.</p>	<p>Consider whether you feel Parliament has been undermined by an all-powerful Supreme Court and the growing power of Presidential like Prime Ministers.</p>
<p>Investigate the origins of the Human Right Act 2000. Outline the rights contained with the act and determine why it is considered controversial</p>	<p>Review two key cases of your choice brought before the Supreme Court that suggested the UK government had undermined human rights. Do you agree with the judgements? Explain why.</p>	<p>With Britain’s exit from the EU, there is a suggestion that the Human Rights Act should be redrafted as a British Bill of Rights. Do you agree? Do you feel it would help/hinder the plight of those persecuted and denied rights in the UK?</p>
<p>Note:</p> <p>Edexcel examination board: https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FTeaching-and-learning-materials</p> <p>Guidelines, learning materials and resources for studying A-level Politics.</p>		



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.

<p style="text-align: center;">UK Broadsheet newspapers</p> <p>The Times: https://www.thetimes.co.uk</p> <p>The Independent: https://www.independent.co.uk</p> <p>The Guardian: https://www.theguardian.com/uk</p> <p>The Telegraph: https://www.telegraph.co.uk</p> <p>The Financial Times: https://www.ft.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Useful websites</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Liberty: https://www.libertyhumanrights.org.uk Civil and human rights campaign movement.</p> <p>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> <p>Reform Acts and representative democracy: https://www.parliament.uk/about/living-heritage/evolutionofparliament/houseofcommons/reformacts/ Overview, key dates and other resources from UK Parliament website.</p> <p>Democratic Audit UK: http://www.democraticaudit.com/2016/06/06/how-effective-is-parliament-in-controlling-uk-government-and-representing-citizens/ 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 style="text-align: center;">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</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">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: https://news.sky.com/story/sophy-ridge-on-sunday-politics-live-10738566</p>



at the establishment and exposing what's really going on behind the scenes.

Foreign Affairs: <https://www.foreignaffairs.com>

US foreign policy and international affairs publication and website, established in 1922.

Political correspondent Sophy Ridge covers the major political issues of the week on Sky's Sunday news programme.

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.

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.

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.

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

Daily news/current affairs coverage from BBC Radio 4.

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.