



Politics is exciting because people disagree. They disagree about how people should live, what principles should guide behaviour, who should get what and how society should be organised.

**What is politics, democracy in the UK, who should vote & how do different groups influence government?** Explore the websites and produce the following

1. a timeline of how the vote emerged in UK (major legislation from 1832)
2. comparison table of types/definitions of democracy – direct, representative & Liberal
3. a glossary of new vocabulary (from the tasks 1&2) & definitions, to include: franchise, democracy, the constitution, the executive, separation of powers, referendums, representative and direct democracy, legitimacy and democratic deficit & turnout

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides/z9hnn39/revision/2>

<https://www.britpolitics.co.uk/uk-elections-voting-direct-democracy>

<http://www.democracy-building.info/systems-democracy.html> (dont need all information on law making)

**What was/is extinction rebellion?**

4. Using media listed below or newspapers search, outline who the group are, what they want and why you think they are/are not likely to achieve this.

<https://rebellion.earth/the-truth/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/apr/21/extinction-rebellion-london-protesters-offer-pause-climate-action>

**Political parties, elections and voting are clearly central to who is able to make laws in the UK. From the 2017 election results find the following:**

5. How many people voted (turnout)
6. How many seats each of the main three parties won (Cons Lab and Lib-Dem)
7. An example of a minor party
8. 3 key trends in voting behaviour, for example how did ethnic minorities/women/social class/age vote?
9. If people don't vote, how else can they participate in politics?
10. How many members do the main three parties have?

<https://yougov.co.uk/news/2017/06/13/how-britain-voted-2017-general-election/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-41433526>

FAQs This is just for info – no work!

What can I do with politics?

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/politics>

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/a-level/subjects/politics/>

### What books would help with the course?

Who Runs This Place?: The Anatomy of Britain in the 21st Century, Anthony Sampson, John Murray, ISBN: 0719565669

The End of History, Francis Fukuyama, Harper, ISBN: 0380720027

After Blair: David Cameron and the Conservative Tradition, Kieron O'Hara, Icon, ISBN: 1840467959

### Political ideology classics

Leviathan, Thomas Hobbes, Oxford, ISBN: 0192834983

\*\*On Liberty, John Stuart Mill, Oxford, ISBN: 0192833847

Second Treatise of Government, John Locke, Hackett, ISBN: 0915144867

The Prince, Niccolo Machiavelli, Oxford, ISBN: 019280426X

### What could I watch?

The news! Have I got news for you, Question time, PMQs, the Mash report, The Left Leg, Panorama, Dispatches, Andrew Marr making of modern Britain,

### TED talks

[https://www.ted.com/talks/roly\\_stewart\\_how\\_to\\_rebuild\\_democracy](https://www.ted.com/talks/roly_stewart_how_to_rebuild_democracy)

[https://www.ted.com/talks/paddy\\_ashdown\\_the\\_global\\_power\\_shift](https://www.ted.com/talks/paddy_ashdown_the_global_power_shift)

[https://www.ted.com/talks/joseph\\_nye\\_on\\_global\\_power\\_shifts](https://www.ted.com/talks/joseph_nye_on_global_power_shifts)

[https://www.ted.com/playlists/78/climate\\_change\\_oh\\_it\\_s\\_real](https://www.ted.com/playlists/78/climate_change_oh_it_s_real)

[https://www.ted.com/talks/michael\\_green\\_the\\_global\\_goals\\_we\\_ve\\_made\\_progress\\_on\\_and\\_the\\_ones\\_we\\_haven\\_t](https://www.ted.com/talks/michael_green_the_global_goals_we_ve_made_progress_on_and_the_ones_we_haven_t)

[https://www.ted.com/talks/yuval\\_noah\\_harari\\_nationalism\\_vs\\_globalism\\_the\\_new\\_political\\_divide](https://www.ted.com/talks/yuval_noah_harari_nationalism_vs_globalism_the_new_political_divide)

### What could I listen to?

The News! Radio 4, podcasts - <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/blog/audio/2009/feb/05/politics-weekly-protectionism>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qjfq/episodes/downloads>

<https://www.radiotimes.com/news/2017-06-07/podcasts-of-the-week-strong-and-stable-talking-politics/>