



Year 12

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 or 2019 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/rory_stewart_how_to_rebuild_democracy

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/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/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/>