



Saint Benedict
Catholic Voluntary Academy

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BE PREPARED



Government
and Politics



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A level Government and Politics Be Prepared Tasks

Attempt all the sections within it.

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Task 1:

Watch the video – What is politics?

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/what-politics/content-section-1.3>

Once you have watched the video answer the following questions:

1. How would you define politics?
2. How have the different people on the video defined politics?
3. Why is it such a contested concept?

Task 2:

Begin a political diary of key stories or issues that you have come across in the summer. Try to find some for the UK and some for the USA. Look out for...

- Any action by Rishi Sunak and his cabinet or Keir Starmer and his cabinet
- Developments within parties
- Any pressure group activities (strikes, demonstrations etc.)
- Any key votes in the Houses of Commons or Lords (although Parliament will be on holiday much of the summer)
- USA politics
- Build up to Presidential election in America

The following sources could be used help you, but of course you are able to use other reputable sources:

www.bbc.co.uk

www.guardian.co.uk

BBC iPlayer – News Shows (BBC/C4/ITV/Sky)

Panorama

Question Time - BBC – Thursdays

BBC Parliament – Prime Minister's questions (PMQs)

Daily Politics – BBC/Sunday Politics - BBC - Sunday 12:00pm

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Task 3:

Watch the short video on the House of Commons

<https://learning.parliament.uk/en/resources/what-is-the-house-of-commons-video/>

Answer the following questions:

- a) When was the first Parliament?
- b) Which House is now the more powerful today?
- c) How are the Members of the House of Commons chosen?
- d) Who can't stand to be a MP?
- e) List the four things that the House of Commons does
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
- f) Name three ways the Parliament holds the government to account
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.



Task 4:

Research your local MP using the following website:

<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

Name:

Party:

Any job in government or opposition:

What constituency do they represent:

First elected:

What % of the vote they achieved in the last election:

Voting record:

Task 5

List the parties that did best in the election July 4th 2024 and how many seats they got.

Task 6

List 5 differences between the Conservative and Labour party

Task 7 US Politics

Who is the President of the USA?

What party are they from?

List 3 things the President has achieved whilst in power?

What are the main two parties in the US?

What are the main 2 differences between them?

What is Dobbs v Jackson?

A Level Government & Politics: Political Ideas

Task 1: Take the quiz on this website:

<https://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title=are-you-liberal-conservative>

Write down what political idea you most agree with:

Task 2:

Define the following key ideas:

1. Liberalism
2. Conservatism
3. Socialism
4. Nationalism

Task 3: Find out why the following people are significant and what political work they published and match them to the political idea above
(Liberalism/Conservatism/Socialism/Nationalism)

- John Locke
- Thomas Hobbes
- Karl Marx
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau

John Locke	Thomas Hobbes
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Karl Marx	Jean-Jacques Rousseau

What you need to bring to every lesson (including the first one):

- ☐ 1 A4 ringbinder folder
- ☐ 1 A4 lined pad of paper
- ☐ 2 black/blue pens
- ☐ 1 red pen
- ☐ Politics Textbook (this will be given to you in lesson)