

Politics Summer Work

Task 1 (Component 1)

In our first lesson, we will have a debate about whether democracy is the best system for running our country.

You need to research arguments in favour of democracy and arguments in favour of one other specific system for running a country (e.g. dictatorship, monarchy, theocracy, one-party state). You will need to carry out research for both of these and write a substantial paragraph (minimum 250 words) making your argument for democracy, as well as a paragraph making your argument for your alternative system.

In your first lesson you will be told which side you are going to be arguing for and you will all be expected to participate in the debate.

Feel free to research widely. You may find Michael Portillo's series on democracy useful as a starting point:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00s936s>

Task 2 (Component 2)

Read the attached pdf about the historical development of the UK constitution and create a storyboard (with images) of the key developments.

Task 3 (Read/Watch/Listen)

One of the best ways to help achieve a top grade in Politics is to read, watch and listen widely, especially keeping up to date with current events. During the summer, have a watch or listen to at least 3 of the following and complete the Read/Watch/Listen Summer log.

Watch Knock Down the House (Netflix or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCSO2hZRcXk>)

The Trump Show (BBC IPlayer, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p08svdkn/the-trump-show>)

The Cameron Years (BBC IPlayer, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0008kk7/the-cameron-years>)

Marcus Rashford: Feeding Britain's Children (BBC IPlayer, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000qq41/marcus-rashford-feeding-britains-children>)

Listen Newscast (Various days, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p05299nl>)

Spectator Coffee House Shots (Monday to Friday and Sunday, <https://www.spectator.co.uk/podcasts/coffee-house-shots>)

Westminster Hour (Sunday, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006s624>)

What have you watched or listened to?	What were the main points made in the show?	Your reflections on the points made in the show.
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