

Politics

Transition Tasks

Politics A Level will offer you a wide range of topics to study, including UK Government and Politics, Core and Non-Core Ideologies and US Politics.

We are studying with the Edexcel exam board. Subject Content for this course can be found here:
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/politics-2017.html>

Task 1 – Create a political scrapbook

- Buy one newspaper every week, make it a different paper each week so that you can compare and contrast
- Use this paper to create a scrapbook of the big political stories this summer
- It might be best to buy a Sunday paper so that you have an overview of the week
- The types of stories you might want to scrapbook could be:
 - The UK government's response to Covid 19 compared with other nations
 - The criticism the UK government will face in response to their Covid 19 strategy
 - The strategies the government is using to reboot the economy post-lockdown
 - The US presidential election (keep an eye on this one!)
 - The EU's response to Covid
 - Black Lives Matter and the government response to protests
 - Potential legislation as a result of Black Lives Matter
 - Any other political stories of interest – you never know when a big scandal may break!
- Overall, you should have six weeks of political stories to scrapbook
- Be as creative and colourful as you can with your scrapbook – use colour, illustration etc
- I can't wait to see them all in September!



Task 2 – Watch this documentary on Trump and his use of social media

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p08hsxd5/trump-in-tweets>

Task 3 – Create a timeline of the US Presidents from Woodrow Wilson to Donald Trump

- Which party were each of them in?
- Add one key event that happened in their time as President
- Can you find any information for which was the most and least popular?



Task 6 – Watch some of the below:

- The Iron Lady The Crown (focus on the PMs of history)
- Billy Elliot (miners strikes in Durham during Thatcher)
- The Queen (looks at the role of Blair and relationship with the Queen)
- The Cameron Years
- A Very British Revolution (Thatcher)
- I, Daniel Blake
- The Killing\$ of Tony Blair
- Stephen Lawrence: The Murder that Changed the Nation
- Vice (a film about Bush's VP, Dick Cheney)

