

Politics Introductory Work

Welcome to the summer work for Politics A Level.

SWAY LINK: This link will take you to all the work and allow you to scroll through information on your phone and click links taking you to articles, videos and readings. The same information on the Sway is presented to you here. The Sway is easier to use on your phone.

<https://sway.office.com/7k7kxYVx369uf1AM?ref=Link>

Politics summer work tasks:

Phase 2

Task 5: Coronavirus in the news

After a period of 'unity' when all politicians were supportive of measures being taken in the UK, questions are beginning to emerge about how the government has handled the outbreak. Research and find the answers to the following questions:

- The provision of PPE to frontline workers
- The level of testing for Covid-19 compared to other countries
- The impact of funding cuts on the NHS in the years before the virus outbreak
- Should Britain have gone into lockdown earlier?
- The role of Boris Johnson – his absence from COBRA meetings in the run-up to lockdown and his slightly 'gung-ho' attitude at the beginning (continuing to shake hands on hospital visits etc.)
- The exit plan from lockdown – divisions are beginning to emerge in the Cabinet on how and when to do this

EXTENSION: Have a look at the role of social media in spreading fake news during the outbreak – especially the 5G conspiracy theory Parliament has returned to consider these questions and has had to adapt to social distance rules and will be doing a lot of its work online – you can follow this on the BBC Parliament channel.

Task 6: News quiz (Both topics)

Watch the news over the summer and create an eight-question quiz (including answers) to test your class mates.

If you can turn it into a Kahoot/Microsoft form then you can send the link across when it comes to your turn when we start the course.

Task 7: Discover Parliament booklet (both topics)

[Discover Parliament Booklet](#)

a) Use the booklet above to answer the following questions

1. What does Parliament do?

2. Why do we need Parliament?
3. What is the difference between Parliament and Government?
4. Describe five steps in a general election
5. Who can vote in general elections?
6. What is the role of the whip?
7. Describe the work of select committees
8. What different types of Lords are in the House of Lords?
9. Describe how government departments work
10. What role does the monarchy play in government?

b) Extension: Create a labelled picture of the House of Commons and Lords and describe what the features of each room are. E.g. green seats in Commons, Wool Sack in Lords

c) Extension 2: Go on a virtual tour of Parliament and see what it looks like
<https://www.parliament.uk/visiting/virtualtour/>

Task 8: Introductory videos

Watch the following videos and make notes on the information they present. You may need to pause or re watch them to take your notes.

Introduction to Parliament: (Topic 2) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAMblz3Y2JA>

The Political System: (Topic 1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hkfc8J95IGw>

How elections work: (Topic 1) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bc78rgUfsFw>

[MICROSOFT FORM REVIEW OF PHASE 2 WORK.](#)

Complete the form to show what you can recall and to evaluate this first phase of work. Click the link or enter the url

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