

1 Democracy and participation

How democratic is the UK? Which is a greater threat to democracy - pressure groups or corporate lobbying by CO2 producers, arms firms & plastics companies? How are our rights protected & currently under threat?

3 Electoral systems

Is First Past the Post democratic? Is it the best system for electing representatives? What other electoral systems are used in the UK and why? Why haven't we abandoned FPTP? What are referendums and why are they used? How do they enhance / undermine democracy in the UK?

6 Parliament

Y12 T2 Does the UK Parliament hold the executive branch of Government to account? To what extent is Parliament 'lobby fodder' for the PM? Do we live in an 'elective dictatorship' (Hailsham)? How has it been reformed? And how should it be further reformed?

7 PM & Executive

Y12 T2 To what extent is the role and power of the PM what they make of it? To what extent do UK PMs act like US Presidents? Whilst the era of Cabinet Govt over, why are they still important/ relevant? Why does Jones compare the power of the PM to an elastic band? How can events impact on PMs & their power?

10 Global Politics: Power

- Cold War & bipolarity
- New World Order & Unipolarity
- 9/11 & Multipolarity - why is there war?
- Power transition & what types of state make for global stability?

11 Global Politics: conflict

How effective have the UN & NATO been at stopping conflict?

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2 UK Political Parties

In this topic we explore what do the main political parties stand for? What are their policies? How and why do their ideas/ policies change over time?

4 Voting behaviour & media

What factors shape how people vote? How do political parties win/ lose elections? To what extent is UK media biased, and does it matter? Case studies: 1979; 1997 & 2019.

5 UK Constitution

Y12 T2 What is a constitution & why do nations need them? Is the UK's fit for purpose? How has leaving the EU arguably left the UK's in dire need of codifying in the context of Brexit and ex-PM Johnson's behaviour?

8 Checking executive power

Relations between institutions, including devolution and Parliament checking the executive. Including the Supreme Court, Devolved Bodies and the EU

9 Political Ideologies

Political Ideas: You will examine some of the great ideas that have shaped our world for good or ill, including Liberalism, Socialism, and Conservatism; and at the work and influence of key political thinkers such as Marx, Wollstonecraft & Burke.

12 Global Politics: climate change

How effective has the UN been at tackling CC? What are the barriers?

13 Global Politics: many more...

- **Human rights**
- **Economic development**
- Nation state v **globalisation**
- **Theories** of **global** politics.