



A Level Politics

Pre-course work



Pre-course expectations

Success in Sixth Form is largely a function of the amount and quality of independent study you carry out; here's a chance to help you get the very best start to your course. We would like you to complete the work described below and hand it in to your teacher in your first lesson in September. If you have made a late change to your timetable, please complete this work within the first week of starting the course. The work should take you 2-3 hours.

Details of pre-course work

Task 1: Research how the UK government works. Create a mind map 'How the UK government works' and research the following; The Prime Minister, The Cabinet, Parliament, Government departments and agencies, The Civil Service, Legislation and Devolution.

Task 2: Research the following key terms and write definitions for each of them, they are important terms that will help you to understand the US political system; Federal, State, Congress, House of Representatives, Senate, Supreme Court, Bipartisanship and Judiciary.

Please make sure that you do not simply copy and paste information from the internet and try to put as much in your own words as possible.

Resources

Task 1: Try the following links as a starting point:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/how-government-works>

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/role/relations-with-other-institutions/parliament-government/>

Task 2: Try the following links as a starting point:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zjpxjsg>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/our-government/>

Stretch yourself:

Read about the following political ideas and consider their strengths and weaknesses; Liberalism and Socialism.

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/liberalism>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/socialism>