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# A LEVEL POLITICS

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## Context:

We study the Edexcel A Level Politics course. In Year 12 you will study UK Politics and Government, as well as core political ideas (conservatism, liberalism and socialism) and non-core political ideas (feminism). In Year 13 you will study US politics or global politics.

When you study A Level Politics, you will learn about political systems and processes and the people and institutions that make these work. You will consider the strengths and weaknesses of these systems and institutions. You will also learn about political ideas and how these relate to society, the economy, the state and human nature. You will analyse the extent to which ideas differ between different political belief systems and also within them.

You will relate what you learn to current affairs and the world around you and it is essential that you have up-to-date examples of political events to use in your work.

## Reading Material:

Along with reading about what is going on in UK politics (see below), there are a number of reading materials you can look at to familiarise yourself with political theories, people, systems and events.

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/blog>

<https://www.politics.co.uk/blogs/>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/topical-examples-for-a-level-politics-exams>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/liberalism>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/conservatism>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/ideologies-socialism>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/feminism>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/collections/profiles-of-key-political-thinkers>

## Tasks:

1. Create a UK political news “scrap book”. This can be online or printed out and should be made up of news articles from free online news sources such as BBC News or The Guardian online plus your own notes from watching news programmes. You should aim to collect at least 5 articles per week about 5 different events in UK politics. Please do note that all news sources will have a political bias and may only give you one side of the story/ one point of view! Political news can be very broad; it might include a statement made by the Prime Minister or a minister, laws passed by parliament, a Supreme Court decision, discussions of issues like democracy or human rights, and much more. If you are stuck look at the UK politics section on any news site.

## What to watch/ listen to

<https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/blog/videos>

<https://tunein.com/podcasts/Podcasts/The-A-Level-Politics-Show-p1243794/>

One news or political programme per week, e.g. The Andrew Marr show/ Channel 4 News