

Politics - 2018 Summer Tasks

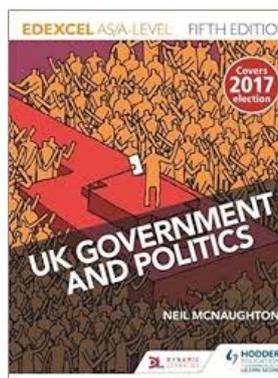
Welcome to Year 12 Politics

1. Get organised

This will ensure you are ready for a good start to the autumn term:

- Buy a new A4 file, lined paper and file dividers
- Buy your Politics textbook; this will be used weekly in class and for homework and it is valuable when it comes to revision:

Edexcel UK Government and Politics for AS/A Level Fifth Edition by Neil McNaughton
Hodder Education ISBN 1471889335



2. News task

To get the most out of studying politics it is essential that you take an interest in what is happening in the UK and the wider world. To get you into the habit of following the news, you need to complete this task:

- Research a story in the news over the summer holiday (it can be UK based or from elsewhere in the world)
- Come to your first lesson prepared to give a brief presentation (no more than 5 mins)
- You can use props - DVD, video, power point, pictures, short extracts etc.

3. Summer research task

Hopefully you were all watching the 2017 general election with interest. Over the summer you need to carry out some very valuable research and create a fact file that you will use throughout the year.

Your fact file on the 2017 general election should include:

A. Timing:

- **Dates** – when was the election announced, when did it take place, how long was the campaign?
- What is a '*snap election*'?
- What is the **Fixed Term Parliament Act**?
When should the next election have taken place?



- How long did it take for the **first result** to be declared on election night? Which **constituency*** was it?
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2017-40209271>

B. Parties and Leaders:

- List the **main parties** (5 UK wide parties and the national parties in Scotland and Wales) standing for election with their respective leaders and party symbols.
- Which leaders have **resigned** following the election?



C. The campaign:

- What were the **slogans** / key phrases used by the 2 main parties.
- What is a **manifesto**? What was the key message from each party?
- Did you get any election **leaflets** through the door – attach them to your fact file, if they have not been recycled already!
- Google search 2017 UK **general election posters** include one from Labour and one from the Conservatives.

** Another thing you can think about is social media. This was targeted at younger voters – did you or members of your family receive anything? If so, what were the main messages?*

D. The Election:

Look at <https://yougov.co.uk/news/2017/06/13/how-britain-voted-2017-general-election/>

- What was the **result**? Give the percentage of the votes and the number of seats won by each party.
- What was the **turnout*** in the election? Which age group has the highest turnout and the lowest turnout?
- Which party did most **18-24** year olds vote for? What about the **70+** age group?
- Which **newspapers** are read by more Conservative voters and which ones are read by more Labour voters?

***Constituency** – a geographical area which elects a member of parliament (MP); each area has a population of about 70,000; there are 650 constituencies and 650 MPs eg. voters in Guildford elected Anne Milton a Conservative MP.

***Turnout** – the percentage of people that could vote (over 18, registered to vote etc) who actually voted in the election.

Have a great summer and see you in September!