

## Politics Top 10 KS5 Reading List

### Top Reads

**Arford, Bernie, Politics: An introduction;** user-friendly text for students taking introductory courses in politics. It provides completely updated and stimulating coverage of topics essential to the understanding of contemporary politics

**Essentials of Political Ideas: For A Level by Andrew Heywood:** It sets ideas and thinkers in context and provides an excellent foundation for develop an understanding of political thought

**A Promised Land by Barack Obama:** The first black presidents of the Unites States, Barack Obama, tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world

### Easy Reads

**Animal Farm by George Orwell:** This book as a thinly veiled allegorical response to the 1917 Russian Revolution, and the authoritarian “reign of terror” that followed during Stalinism.

**The Politics Book by Sam DK:** Introduction into 80 of the world's greatest thinkers and their political big ideas that continue to shape our lives today.

### Enrichment Reads

**Calvocoressi, P. (2009) World Politics since 1945:** studies key events that have help to shape the world since 1945 including rise of India and China as major powers;

**Andrew Hindmoor, 12 Days that made Modern Britain:** focuses on twelve key days in the history of the United Kingdom over the last five decades. Outlines what happened on those days and the subsequent consequences,

### Challenging Reads

**On Liberty, John Stuart Mill:** Core political work on the theory of society and the balance between individualism and the state.

**The Social Contract, John-Jacques Rousseau:** This work aim to explain the basis for a legitimate, political authority in which people must give up their natural liberty

**The Communist Manifesto, Karl Marx:** This work is it is often cited as blueprint and founding document of left-wing political movement

