

Year 12	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
Knowledge	<p>Political ideologies</p> <p>Liberalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core ideas and principles of Liberalism Key features of classical liberalism Key features of modern liberalism Agreement and disagreement between modern and classical liberals Key liberal theorists: John Locke, Mary Wollstonecraft, John Stuart Mill, John Rawls & Betty Friedan <p>Conservatism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core ideas and principles of Conservatism Key features of Traditional conservatism Key features of One Nation conservatism Key features of New Right conservatism Agreement and disagreement between 3 strands Key Conservative theorists: Thomas Hobbes, Edmund Burke Michael Oaskshott, Ayn Rand and Robert Nizick <p>Democracy & Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representation and direct democracy Strengths and limitations of Britain democracy Proposals to improve Britain’s democracy 	<p>Political ideologies</p> <p>Socialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core ideas and principles of Socialism Key features of Revolutionary socialism Key features of Social Democracy Key features of The Third Way •Agreement and disagreement between 3 strands •Key Socialist theorists: Karl Marx, Beatrice Webb, Rosa Luxemburg, Anthony Crosland and Anthony Giddens <p>Political Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key functions of UK political parties Debates surrounding party funding The origins and historical development of the Conservative. Labour and Liberal Parties and how this has shaped their ideas and current policies on the economy, law and order, welfare and foreign policy. <p>Democracy & Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work and impact of pressure groups How well rights are protected in the UK Conflict between collective and individual rights <p>The Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and sources of the UK constitution How the constitution has changed since 1997 	<p>Political Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emerging and minor UK political parties. What type of party system does the UK have What factors impact party success <p>Electoral Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advantages and Disadvantages of different electoral systems: FPTP, AMS, STV and EV. Know where different electoral systems are used in the UK and EU Comparison of first-past-the-post (FPTP) to a different electoral system to a devolved parliament/assembly. The demand for change to electoral systems from both the general public and from political parties <p>The Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role and powers of devolved bodies in the UK, and the impact of this devolution on the UK Debates on further reform to the UK’s constitution 	<p>Electoral Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is a referendum, how do they work and how they are different from an election The role referendum’s play in the UK’s democracy and their political implications pre and post 1997 The advantages and disadvantages of referendums <p>Voting behaviour and the media</p> <p>Elections 1945-93:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results, reasons for the results & analysis of voting behaviour <p>1997 Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result, reasons for the result & analysis of voting behaviour <p>Elections since 1997</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Result, reasons for the result & analysis of voting behaviour The influence of the media in forming political opinion The importance and reliability of opinion polls <p>The relationships between institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Supreme Court and its interactions with, and influence over, the legislative and policy-making processes. The relationship between the Executive and Parliament. 	<p>Parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The structure and role of the House of Commons and House of Lords. The comparative powers of the House of Commons and House of Lords. Strength and limitations of the legislative process The ways in which Parliament interacts with the Executive: power and role of backbench MP’s, Select Committees, opposition, ministerial questions including PMQ’s <p>Prime Minister and Executive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The structure, role, and powers of the Executive: Legislation, budgets, Royal Prerogative Ministerial and collective responsibility <p>The relationships between institutions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The aims, role and impact of the European Union (EU) on UK government The location of sovereignty in the UK political system. 	<p>Prime Minister and Executive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relationship between the Prime Ministers and their cabinet <p>Feminism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feminist ideas and principles: including patriarchy, sex and gender, role of the state Key features of liberal feminism Key features of socialist feminism Key features of radical feminism Key features of post-modern feminism Agreement and disagreement between 4 strands Key feminist thinkers: Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Simone De Beauvoir, Kate Millet, Sheila Rowbotham & Bell hooks <p>US Constitution and federalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key features of the US constitution How the US constitution is vague and clear
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Knowledge	<p>US Constitution and federalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amendment process and its strengths and weaknesses The concept of federalism and the extent to which it still operates in the US today The principle of Separation of powers and checks and balances. and an evaluation of its effectiveness today The principle of Bipartisanship and an evaluation of its effectiveness today. The principle of Limited government and an evaluation of its effectiveness today. The extent of democracy within the US Constitution, its strengths and weaknesses and its impact on the US government today. Comparisons to the UK's constitution The reasons for similarities and difference <p>Presidential Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The main processes to elect a US president, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the constitutional requirements, the invisible primary, primaries and caucuses, the role of National Party Conventions the electoral college and the resulting party system The strengths and weaknesses of this process The power of presidential incumbency The impact of finance on US elections and the success and failures of campaign finance reform Comparisons to the UK's elections The reasons for similarities and difference 	<p>US Political parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The key ideas and principles of the Democratic and Republican parties. The current conflicts and tendencies and the changing power and influence that exist within the parties. Coalition of supporters for each party since 2000 Comparisons to the UK Political Parties The reasons for similarities and difference <p>Interest Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interest groups in the USA – their significance, resources, tactics and debates about their impact on democracy. The influence, methods and power of at least one single interest group, professional group or policy group. <p>US Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The structure of Congress The distribution of powers within Congress: Congressional elections and the significance of incumbency. . Factors that affect voting behaviour within Congress: How legislative process works & the strengths and weaknesses of this process. The differences between the legislative process in each chamber The policy significance of Congress: The impact and effectiveness of laws it passes . Factors that influence the relationship between Congress and the presidency. The checks on the other branches of government and the extent of its institutional effectiveness. 	<p>Congress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing significance of parties in Congress. Significance and effectiveness of the powers outlined in the Constitution. Comparisons to the UK's Parliament <p>The reasons for similarities and difference</p> <p>US Supreme Court and civil rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nature and role of the Supreme Court. The appointment process for the Supreme Court & the strengths and weaknesses of the process. Factors influencing the president's choice of nominee. The current composition and ideological balance of the Court The impact of the Supreme Court on public policy in the US <p>Presidency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal sources of presidential power as outlined in the US Constitution and their use. The president's role as the Head of State and as the Head of Government Informal sources of presidential power and their use. Executive Office of the President (EXOP), including the role of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the National Security Council (NSC) Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the White House Office (WHO). 	<p>US Supreme Court and civil rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of judicial activism and judicial restraint and criticisms of each. How good is the protection of civil liberties and rights in the US today Debates surrounding voting rights, affirmative action and representation. The role and effectiveness of the US Supreme Court in protecting civil rights Comparisons to the UK The reasons for similarities and difference <p>Presidency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relationship between the presidency and Congress and why this varies: The relationship between the presidency and Supreme Court and why this varies: The limitations on presidential power and why this varies between presidents: Interpretations and debates of the US presidency. Comparisons to the UK The reasons for similarities and difference 	Consolidation, Revision and Examination practice	
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