



A-Level Politics

You have already had access to the preparation for induction material, completing tasks for the July induction days. However, if you would like to get further ahead for your course you may wish to complete these additional tasks before September.

Task One: political implications of Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has had major consequences for social, economic, and family life. But, what does all of this mean politically? The pandemic has led to unprecedented Government intervention in the public's lives outside of wartime.

Explain how you think COVID-19 has changed the following:

- the role of the Prime Minister
- civil liberties
- the way Parliament has worked, such as holding the Government to account
- the power of special advisors
- the economic policy of the Government

Task Two: politics of memory

With the Black Lives Matter campaign and the toppling of a statue in Bristol, this seems like a good time to consider how memory is a political act.

Watch the video clip from Professor Lee Jarvis (UEA), and then find and evaluate three ways in which a famous event of your choice (e.g. 9/11; World War II; the Suffragettes' struggle) has been remembered.



Discussion question: Is memory a politically important issue? Why?

Video clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isw0cB2mLSE&feature=youtu.be>

Task Three: investigating an issue

Read the booklet from the University of East Anglia:

<https://www.uea.ac.uk/documents/20142/1040549/PiLaCSPolitics+Discussion+Booklet.pdf/75803d4f-3ddc-913b-3b3b-6e44eb31f6f4?t=1589384436728>

Select which topic you would like to investigate further:

1. *How do we explain the rise of celebrity politicians like Donald Trump?*
2. *Do nuclear weapons make us safer?*
3. *Does 'hashtag feminism' make a difference?*
4. *Why do countries obey international law?*
5. *Will other countries vote to leave the European Union?*
6. *How do we solve the problem of terrorism?*
7. *Has social media changed political activism?*
8. *Who makes foreign policy?*
9. *Is it possible to rig an election?*
10. *How politically powerful are the media?*
11. *What are the responsibilities of social scientists?*

Answer these questions:

Which question have you chosen? What are the different debates surrounding this question? Why did you choose this question?

Have a good summer and we look forward to seeing you in September