

Politics

Learning **Journey**

Year 12

Topic 4

branches

- The impact of the

Supreme Court on

making processes

Political system

legislative and policy-

Relations between

A-Level

Year 13

Topic 4 Voting behaviour and the media

- Social factors influencing voting
- Short term factors influencing voting
- The influence of the media
- The 1983, 1997 and 2019 elections

Topic 3 **Electoral Systems**

- Elections in the UK
- Different electoral systems used in the UK
- Should we change our electoral system?
- Referendums

Topic 2 **Political Parties**

- The functions and features of political parties
- The Conservative Party
- The Labour Party
- Minority parties in the
- Party funding

Topic 1 **Democracy and Participation**

- Current systems of democracy in the UK
- Widening the franchise and suffrage debates
- Pressure groups and other influences
- Rights in context

UK Politics

- The relationship between the executive and Parliament - The European Union

Topic 3 Prime minister and the executive

- Sovereignty in the UK

- The structure, role and powers of the executive
- Ministerial responsibility
- The prime minister and the cabinet

Topic 2 **Parliament**

- -The origins and development of UK parliament
- The House of Commons
- The House of Lords
- Comparative powers of the House of Commons and Lords
- The legislative process

Topic 1 The constitution

- The nature of the UK constitution
- How the constitution has developed since 1997
- The impact of devolution on the UK
- In what ways could the constitution be further reformed?

UK Government

Topic 4 **Nationalism**

- Core features of nationalism
- Liberal, conservative. expansionist and anticolonial/postcolonial nationalism
- Tensions within nationalism
- Key nationalist thinkers

Topic 3 Socialism

- Core features of socialism
- Revolutionary and evolutionary socialism
- Tensions within socialism
- Key socialist thinkers

Topic 2 Conservatism

- Core features of conservatism
- Traditional conservatism, one nation conservatism and the New Right
- Tensions within conservatism
- Key conservative thinkers

Topic 1 Liberalism

- Core features of liberalism
- Classical liberalism and Modern liberalism
- Tensions within liberalism
- Key liberal thinkers

Pre-topic 1. What is ideology?

Political ideas

Throughout Y13:

Comparison with UK Government & Politics

Topic 5 **US** democracy and participation

- Electoral systems
- Democrats
- Republicans
- Interest aroups
- Incumbency
- Debates in politics

Topic 4 **US Supreme** Court

- Nature and role of the Supreme Court
- Appointment process for judges
- Protection of rights
- Race and rights

Topic 3 **US** presidency

- The presidency and the Constitution
- Formal and informal sources of presidential
- Debates of the US presidency

Topic 2 **US Congress**

- Structure of Congress
- Distribution of powers within Congress
- Functions of Congress

Topic 1 **US Constitution** and federalism

- Origins, principles and nature of the constitution
- Characteristics of US federalism
- Debates around the US constitution

US Politics