



GOVERNMENT & POLITICS - A2 LEVEL

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Unit 3B: Introducing Political Ideologies

Date	Topic	Key Content	Useful Resources
June	Liberalism	<p>A knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ideas and theories of liberalism, focusing on human nature, the state, society and the economy <p>An ability to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss differing views and tension in liberalism 	<p>Textbooks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government & Politics for A2 <p>Books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Hayward, <i>Political Ideologies</i> <p>Newspapers (look for articles on topics e.g. factions in political parties)</p>
Sept-Oct	Conservatism	<p>A knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ideas and theories of conservatism, focusing on human nature, the state, society and the economy <p>An ability to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss differing views and tension in conservatism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.guardian.co.uk/ http://www.telegraph.co.uk/ http://www.independent.co.uk/ http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/index.html



Oct-Nov	Socialism	<p>A knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ideas and theories of socialism, focusing on human nature, the state, society and the economy <p>An ability to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss differing views and tension in socialism 	<p>Political Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.labour.org.uk/ http://www.conservatives.com/ http://www.libdems.org.uk/ <p>Websites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> http://www.number10.gov.uk/ http://www.parliament.uk/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics/ https://en.twitter.com/Number10gov <p>Television Programmes (can be watched on Iplayer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsnight (BBC 2 weekdays 22.30-23.00) Question Time (BBC 1 Thursday 22.30-23.30) Andrew Marr Show (BBC 1 Sunday 9.00-10.00) BBC Parliament Chanel (often has good debates and repeats of the above shows)
Nov-Dec	Anarchism	<p>A knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ideas and theories of socialism, focusing on human nature, the state, society and the economy <p>An awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> of the breadth of anarchism and the influence of other ideologies the challenges of implementing anarchism in practice 	

Assessment: Unit 3b consists of a 1hr 30min. exam paper. Candidates are required to answer three 15 mark questions from section a and an extended essay question of 40 marks from Section b. The 40 mark question is a synoptic question.



Unit 4C: Governing the USA

Date	Topic	Key Content	Useful Resources
Jan	The Constitution	<p>Knowledge of the nature and principles of the US constitution.</p> <p>Awareness of the constitutional framework within which US institutions operate and of the relationship between the Constitution and practical politics.</p> <p>Constitutional rights and an evaluation of their effectiveness</p>	<p><u>General</u></p> <p>Newspapers (look for articles on topics e.g. the president and congress)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://www.guardian.co.uk/• http://www.telegraph.co.uk/• http://www.independent.co.uk/• http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/index.html



Feb	Congress	<p>A knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the structure and workings of congress• the distribution of power in congress• the adequacy of its representative role• factors influencing the relationship between congress and the presidency <p>An awareness of the extent and significance of party allegiance</p>	<p>Textbooks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government & Politics for A2 <p>Television Programmes (can be watched on Iplayer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Newsnight (BBC 2 weekdays 22.30-23.00)• Question Time (BBC 1 Thursday 22.30-23.30)• Andrew Marr Show (BBC 1 Sunday 9.00-10.00) <p><u>American Politics</u></p>
March	Presidency	<p>A knowledge of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the formal and informal sources of presidential power• the relationship between the presidency and other institutions <p>An awareness of factors that affect the role of the presidency.</p> <p>An ability to evaluate the effectiveness of present and past presidents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://www.usatoday.com/• http://abcnews.go.com/• http://www.foxnews.com/• http://www.whitehouse.gov/• http://www.house.gov/• http://www.supremecourt.gov/ <p>Television Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>America This Week</i> (BBC Parliament, Sunday 12.00)



April-May	Supreme Court	A knowledge of <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the composition and role of the Supreme Court• the process for appointing Federal judges debates relating to the significance of the Supreme Court and its impact on public policy in the USA	
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Assessment: Unit 4C consists of an exam of 1hr 30mins. Candidates are required to answer three 15 mark questions from section a and an extended essay question of 40 marks from Section b. The 40 mark question is a synoptic question.