

A Level Government & Politics Bridging Project

Context	<p>When you start this course, we will study modules on Participation and Elections. You need to be aware of the methods in which people vote, the policies that parties stand for and why people are becoming disengaged with the voting process. The specification also has an emphasis on the changing nature of democracy, as well as the way in which the UK is governed.</p>
Wider Reading	<p>The following online articles will give you an overview of some of the basic ideas encountered in the first term:</p> <p>https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2012/jul/06/british-democracy-decline-report https://www.mmu.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/story/11459/ https://www.theguardian.com/media/2019/dec/01/media-bias-is-a-gift-to-the-conservatives</p> <p>The following online sources will give you an insight into the history and current policies of the main parties: https://www.conservatives.com http://www.labour.org.uk/content/index http://www.libdems.org.uk/ http://www.snp.org/ https://vote.greenparty.org.uk/</p>
Videos	<p>Watch the 4- part series ‘inside the commons’ on YouTube.</p> <p>Part 1 - https://youtu.be/-w0ry8knlys Part 2 - https://youtu.be/25xJuwLortw Part 3 - https://youtu.be/XSHMtP10Y4Q Part 4 - https://youtu.be/y-tNEGwGinY</p> <p>Watch ‘Brexit the Uncivil War’ on Channel 4. (You will need to register for this). https://www.channel4.com/programmes/brexit-the-uncivil-war/on-demand/69543-001</p>
Written Tasks	<p>Use the following website to research the strengths and weaknesses of different electoral systems: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z68rjhv/revision/2</p> <p>Then use what you have learnt to complete the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Complete the table on the next page ● Answer the following question, your answer should be over 1 page of A4 paper, handwritten. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ‘First past the post is the best electoral system to provide a strong and stable government’. How far do you agree? <p>Find definitions to the following key words and add them to a glossary: Democracy • Representative democracy • Direct Democracy • Politics • Dictatorship • Suffrage • Legislation • Representation • Constituents • Executive • General elections • By-elections and referendums • Constitution • Uncodified constitution • Codified constitution • Parliamentary sovereignty • Devolution</p>

Name of system and brief description of how it works:	Strengths of this voting system	Weaknesses of this voting system
First Past the Post		
Additional Member System		
Single Transferable Vote		