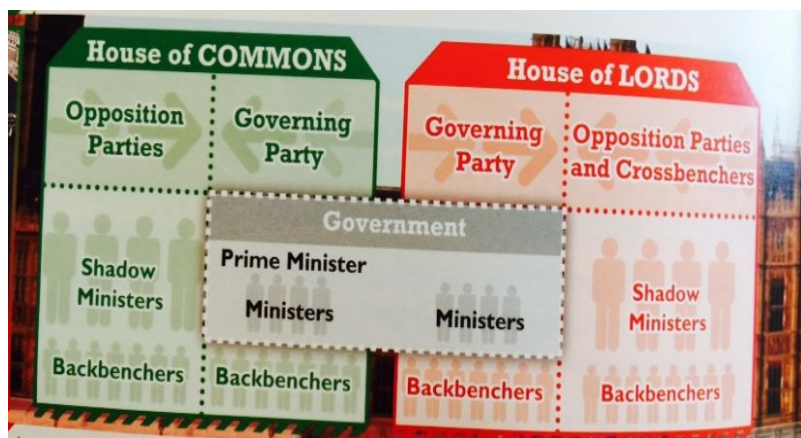


A-LEVEL GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Background information



In order to successfully complete A Level Government and Politics it is essential that you have a basic understanding of how politics in the UK works.

Task 1:

Above is an illustration of how the House of Commons, House of Lords and Government link together within Parliament. Research and explain in your own words the diagram. Ensure that you use the key terms in the illustration: Prime Minister, Ministers, Cabinet, Government, Shadow Ministers, Backbenchers, Opposition Party etc

Task 2:

Draw a timeline showing the main events in British Politics since 1997 – you need to include the British Prime Ministers, key events such as 7/7 terror attack, referendums, date & result (including turnout) of elections

Case Studies of Significant Individuals









Task 3: Research

Identify the four individuals above and complete the boxes to indicate the years they were leaders of their parties and Head of the Government. Also colour in the box in the colour that represents their political party.

Choose 2 of the individuals above and complete a short research project on them using the headings below to help you to focus your research:

- 1) Where were they born and what was their early life like?
- 2) What was their political background?
- 3) What policies, key political decisions or events is this Prime Minister known for?
- 4) Are they viewed in a positive or a negative way today?



In order to achieve the highest grades, politics and political debate and discussion needs to become a fundamental part of your weekly routine. It is what makes politics exciting.

Task 4:

Watch or listen to at least two of the following and write a 200 words about the topic being discussed, the various viewpoints, why this topic was being discussed and why is it relevant to politics today. Conclude by providing your personal opinion on the topic.

- a) Question Time
- b) Daily Politics Show
- c) Sunday Politics Show
- d) Prime Ministers Question Time
- e) Radio 4 Any Questions?

Task 5: Practice Examination Question

Unit 1: UK Politics

Explain three reasons for increasing the use of referendums

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Please use extra a paper to complete both tasks above.