



Summer Tasks July 2023

So, you think you would like to study: Politics

Summer Task Title / Instructions:

Task One:

Over the summer, keep abreast of current affairs by consulting one or more of the following sources of political news every day:

A daily broadsheet newspaper - e.g. The Guardian, The Times, The Independent, The Financial Times

BBC Politics website – www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics

Weekly political magazines – e.g. New Statesman, The Spectator, The Economist, The Week

Of the news articles you read over the summer, keep one that you found particularly interesting and thought provoking. Answer the following questions:

- 1) What is the news article about? Summarise in no fewer than 200 words.
- 2) Why did you select this news article? What does it tell you about politics in the UK?

Task Two: 1997 compared with 2019

Research the general elections of 1997 and 2019 and answer the following in detail:

"The electorate's voting behaviour has not changed in the 22 years between 1997 and 2019" - Analyse and Evaluate this statement.

1000 Words.

Consider the following:

- Turnout
- Who won?
- Voting behaviour by demographic; class, age, gender and ethnicity.
- Analyse in detail any trends that you can identify from this data.

Suggested Additional Reading:

Watch Question Time on BBC1

British Politics for Dummies - Julian Knight

How the Hell did this happen?- P. J. O'Rourke

Suggested Visit:

Houses of Parliament

Supreme Court

Please submit the task to your teacher on the first lesson in September.