



## Summer Tasks July 2019

### 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 Time

BBC Politics website – [www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics](http://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) Briefly, what is the news article about? Summarise in 100 words or fewer.
- 2) Why did you select this news article? What does it tell you about politics in the UK?

##### Task Two: 1997 compared with 2017

Research the general elections of 1997 and 2017 and answer the following:

*“The electorate’s voting behaviour has not changed in the 20 years between 1997 and 2017”* - Analyse and Evaluate this statement.

500 Words.

Consider the following:

- Turnout.
- Who won.
- Voting behaviour by demographic.

#### **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:**

**Local Council Offices.**

**Please submit the task to your teacher on the first lesson in September. Feel to do multiple summer tasks if you are unsure on what subjects to study.**