



Step Up to Politics A Level

Book 2

Welcome to your second series of tasks as an introduction to your A-level course. This section will explore some of the more narrow issues facing UK Politics, such as PM Powers but also wider issues such as extending the franchise.

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Week	Topic	Expected Time for Task
Week 4	Prime Ministers	3 hours
Week 5	Political institutions	2 hours
Week 6	Feminism	2 hours



Week 4

Task 1

Research

Make profiles upon **two** of the following Prime Ministers.

Theresa May, David Cameron, Tony Blair, Margret Thatcher, John Major, James Callaghan

Be sure to include the information below for each.

- Political Party:
- Dates in office:
- Previous posts:
- Background:
- Key policies:
- Legacy/key achievements/controversies:

Step it up: Compare a Pre-1997 PM to a Post-1997 PM what have been the pivotal differences during their time in post?

Week 5

Task 2

Under take a virtual tour the UK Supreme Court **or** Houses of Parliament . Write a 500 word summary about how one of these institutions work.

Be sure to include:

- When it was founded.
- Who are the members.
- What are their roles.
- Brief history of key changes.

Step it up: Compare the UK institution with an equivalent system abroad. What are the key similarities and differences?



Week 6

Watch the film the **Suffragettes**- a 2015 British historical drama **film** about women's suffrage in the United Kingdom

Overview of film:

In early 20th-century Britain, the growing suffragette movement forever changes the life of working wife and mother Maud Watts. Galvanized by political activist Emmeline Pankhurst, Watts joins a diverse group of women who fight for equality and the right to vote. Faced with increasing police action, Maud and her dedicated suffragettes must play a dangerous game of cat-and-mouse, risking their jobs, homes, family and lives for a just cause.

Use this British Library resource to further supplement your research:

https://www.bl.uk/votes-for-women?gclid=EAlalQobChMIjJipwtTq6QIVFuDtCh0VRQoMEAAAYASAAEgLcjfD_BwE

Task

Create a poster recruiting for more people to join the Suffrage campaign.

Step it up: Campaigning for votes for Women was part of “extending the franchise” Research other campaigns which have taken place, either in the UK and abroad, in order to extend the franchise.