



The John Roan School Sixth Form

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Part of United Learning

Year 11 Bridging Work for Politics (A Level)



Complete Key US Gov & Politics Terms

Research and define the following key terms:

- The Founding Fathers
- Federalism
- Separation of Powers
- Checks and Balances
- The State of the Union Address
- Impeachment
- Partisanship.

Time: 30 minutes



Read Trump's Impeachment

Donald Trump's Impeachment was an important event in the recent history of the US. Click on the link below and then answer:

- Why Trump was impeached
- Summarise the evidence 'for' and 'against' Trump's impeachment
- What was the final outcome?

Link: [BBC Trump's Impeachment](#)

Time: 1 hour



Listen Roe v Wade

The recent overturning of the Roe V Wade ruling of 1973 was highly controversial with more than 100 global health organisations describing it as a "catastrophic blow to the lives of millions of women, girls and pregnant people". Listen to the podcast below and consider why this was such a landmark case in the US.

Link: [Daily Podcast: Roe V Wade One Year On](#)

Time: 22 minutes



Complete The US Constitution

The US Constitution is rightly famous around the world. The Constitution has an equally famous Preamble – an executive summary of the principles which the Constitution then fleshes out. Read and listen to the preamble and then:

- Summarise its key foci and
- Rewrite the Preamble in a style of your choosing for a modern audience.

Link: [The US Constitution: Preamble](#)

Time: 1 hour



Listen Black Lives Matter Movement

Listen to the following episode of The Documentary about the Black Lives Matter movement.

- What is the Black Lives Matter movement a response to?
- Research the 3/5 compromise. Do you agree that strained race relations today are linked to America's past? Why?

Link: [Black Lives Matter: The Story of a Slogan](#)

Time: 1 hour



Watch The West Wing

Watch the following clip taken from the drama *The West Wing*. In your own words, what is going on in this clip?

Complete some online research to find out why the characters in the clip (the president's advisors) are so worried about the balance of the Supreme Court? Write down 5 reasons.

Link: [Creating a Balanced Court \(The West Wing\)](#)

Time: 40 minutes



Complete American Presidents

America has now elected 46 Presidents of the United States. Using books or reliable search engines put together a list of all the presidents and their key policies since (and including) the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1945.

You should include the political party of each president and whether they served one term or two in office.

Time: 2-3 hours



Watch Time Magazine

Study the following Time Magazine front cover featuring Donald Trump. What can we infer about Donald Trump as a person from this image? What kind of message is he trying to send the American people about who he is, and the kind of president he is?

Link: [Donald Trump: Time Magazine Cover](#)

Time: 30 minutes



Read Neil Gorsuch

The US Supreme Court plays a huge role in the lives of Americans. Follow the link to the 'Time' article below to read about the controversial appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Court. Summarise the key issues raised by the article.

Link: [How Neil Gorsuch's Confirmation Fight Changed Politics](#)

Time: 1 hour



Watch Democrat Vs Republican

The following clip of a presidential debate between the Democrat President and his Republican competitor sums up a fundamental difference between parties. Use the clip and your own research to put into your own words what these differences are.

Link: [West Wing Presidential Debate](#)

Time: 40 minutes



Complete American Vs British

Begin researching the similarities and differences between the US and UK political systems. How are they similar? What are their key differences? How does this relate to the history of each nation?

Time: 1 – 2 hours