

Useful resources for teachers and students of AS and A level Politics

Introduction

Apart from the A and AS level textbook written by Andrew Colclough and others for the new Pearson Edexcel qualifications, there are a number of sources which teachers and examiners have mentioned as being useful when preparing students for AS and A levels. These sources are listed here for those interested to find them quickly. This is not an exhaustive list of resources, nor should it be seen as compulsory to follow during teaching and/or studying.

UK Politics and UK Government

UK Parliament	www.parliament.uk	Covers all aspects of membership and activities of the UK parliament.
Politics home	www.politicshome.com	All to-day's politics in one place
BBC News	www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics	Breaking political news and analysis
Guardian politics	https://www.theguardian.com/politics	Current political news from a more liberal perspective
Telegraph politics	https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/	Current political news from a more conservative perspective
Channel 4 News	https://www.channel4.com/news/	In depth video analysis of political stories. Especially useful is the nightly news programme
The Economist	https://www.economist.com/	Analysis and opinion of the latest political stories
The Spectator	https://www.spectator.co.uk/	Analysis and opinion of

		the latest political stories
Financial Times Politics	https://www.ft.com/world/uk/politics	Useful opinion and analysis, especially for government policies
UCL Constitution Unit	https://constitution-unit.com/	Research-based blog dealing with analysis of current political problems from a range of A Level topics
LSE Politics and Policy	http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/	Research-based blog dealing with analysis of current political problems from a range of A Level topics
The Political Studies Association	https://www.psa.ac.uk/psa-communities/specialist-groups/schools	A group aimed at encouraging the study of Politics including teacher topics guides and academic journals for members
They Work For You	https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mps/	A tracker of MPs voting activities
'UK Government and Politics Annual Update'	Neil McNaughton	Annually released book analysing major events of the last year for A Level students
"Developments in British Politics"	Various authors	Currently on the 10 th edition
"Essentials of UK Politics"	Andrew Heywood	UK Politics textbook aimed at A Level students. Currently on the 4th edition
"UK Government and Politics"	Neil McNaughton	UK Politics textbook aimed at A Level students. Currently on the 5th edition
PreChewed Politics	https://www.prechewedpolitics.co.uk/	Teaching and learning resources about all of A level Politics
Facebook Politics teachers group	https://www.facebook.com/groups/alevelpoliticsteachers/	Facebook group for A level Politics teachers, with lots of resources and advice

Political ideas

Tutor2U	https://www.tutor2u.net/politics/topics	A website aimed at A Level students with summaries of each ideology and thinker
"Political Ideologies"	Andrew Heywood	An introduction for undergraduates to different political ideologies. Currently on the 6 th Edition
"Modern Political Ideologies"	Andrew Vincent	A broad look at the development of ideologies and their impact on society today
"Edexcel Government and Politics for A2: Ideologies"	Neil McNaughton	A Level textbook based on the previous specification but good for information for teachers new to ideologies
Essentials of Political Ideas: For A Level	Andrew Heywood	A new A Level textbook for the new 2017 specification

USA

Washington Post	www.washingtonpost.com/politics/	Breaking news and political analysis – 5 free articles without subscription
New York Times	https://www.nytimes.com/section/politics https://www.nytimes.com/section/opinion/politics	Breaking news, analysis and opinion
The New Yorker	https://www.newyorker.com/news	Breaking news, analysis and opinion
Politico	https://www.politico.com/	Breaking news, analysis and opinion
The Hill	http://thehill.com/	New, analysis, policy and politics
Roll Call	http://www.rollcall.com/	Facts and analysis about US politics
Gov Track	https://www.govtrack.us/	A legislative tracker showing voting patterns, and pressure groups

		ratings of legislators
US Government & Politics Annual Update	Anthony Bennett	Annually released book analysing major events of the last year for A Level students
Almanac of American Politics 2018 (For libraries)	Robert Cohen and James Barnes	In-depth analysis and comprehensive profiles of every congressional district, state, governor and member of Congress
Governing America: The Politics of a Divided Democracy	Robert Singh	An in-depth overview of US politics
American Politics and Society	David McKay	An in-depth overview of US politics
American Government: Power and Purpose	Theodore J. Lowi, Benjamin Ginsberg, Kenneth A. Shepsle, Stephen Ansolabehere	A comprehensive textbook with source questions for students and an online work space which is excellent
Developments in American Politics	Gillian Peele and Christopher Bailey	Currently on the 7 th Edition

Global

Washington Post Politics	www.washingtonpost.com/politics/	Breaking news and political analysis – 5 free articles without subscription
New York Times	https://www.nytimes.com/section/politics https://www.nytimes.com/section/opinion/politics	Breaking news, analysis and opinion
BBC News	http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world	Breaking political

		news and analysis
Al Jazeera	https://www.aljazeera.com/	Worldwide news, opinion and analysis
Reuters	https://uk.reuters.com/news/world	Worldwide news, opinion and analysis
Financial Times	https://www.ft.com/world	Useful opinion and analysis, especially for government policies
Global Politics for A-level	Robert Murphy, John Jefferies, Josie Gadsby	A textbook aimed at A Level students
Global Politics	Andrew Heywood	A broad textbook dealing with many of the global politics issues relevant to A Level students. Currently 2 nd edition
Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need to Know About Global Politics	Tim Marshall	An overview of global politics and current affairs. Especially good looking at the context