

Things to read/listen to/metaphorically consume for A Level Politics UK and Ideologies...



Ideologies:
Radio 4 – socialism, conservatism and liberalism 1 hour long programmes about the history of the ideologies in Britain



UK Supreme Court: The Highest Court in the Land - Documentary



Steve Richards:
The Brown Years
The Cameron Years
Nick Clegg: The Liberal who came to power
The Brexit prime minister
The Corbyn Story
The Long March of Corbyn's Labour



Questions for different programmes

Political Thinking (There are loads to choose from so go through and pick main current politicians. Start with Rishi Sunak, Boris Johnson, Dominic Raab, Keir Starmer and Rebecca Long-Bailey.)

- 1) How did their upbringing impact on their politics?
- 2) What are their aspirations in politics or for the country?
- 3) Who are their heroes in life?

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- 1) What are the main principles of each ideology?
- 2) How has the ideology changed over it's history?
- 3) What main historical events may have sparked the changes?
- 4) Pick three key people in the ideologies development and the impact they had

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Steve Richards programmes:

- 1) What challenges did the politicians featured face?
- 2) What successes have the politicians had?
- 3) What impact did they have on politics in the country? Give some examples

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4 part Thatcher Documentary (The Thatcher) on YouTube:

1. How did her upbringing impact her politics?
2. What challenges did she face in becoming Prime Minister?
3. How did she win over public opinion on her leadership?
4. How did she control cabinet?
5. Why could it be argued her cabinet were the reasons she had to resign?

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UK Supreme Court documentary on YouTube:

Supreme Court Documentary Questions

- 1) Why did Blair move the Supreme Court from the Lords to its on Court?
- 2) What powers do they have in relation to other lower courts?
- 3) Why do they have this power?
- 4) Why do they have the power to interpret Acts of Parliament?
- 5) Which example shows that no-one is above the rule of law and the power of the Supreme Court and how?
- 6) How does the court show transparency?
- 7) Why did the court need to make a judgement on the MPs expenses claims?
- 8) How does the Supreme Court hold parliament to account?

- 9) What has caused more cases to go to the Supreme Court in recent years?
- 10) How are they chosen?
- 11) Why are they not appointed by politicians?
- 12) Why do some people criticise the make-up of the Supreme Court? Give two
- 13) How do the judges make decisions?
- 14) What is the key thing the judges use to make their judgement?
- 15) Which case tested the judges in keeping emotion out of a decision and implementing the letter of the law and why?
- 16) How did the decision link to some of the criticisms that the Supreme Court has faced?
- 17) How does the Supreme Court work to allow a just decision is made, not just based on a small number of justices?
- 18) Why could the judgement of pre-nuptial agreements be used to criticise the Supreme Court?
- 19) Why could the Supreme Court challenge the Blair government Act under the new Terrorism Act?
- 20) Why might Brexit mean that the Supreme Court can't make a ruling like they did in 2004?
- 21) Is the non-elected Supreme Court overpowering the elected Parliament?
- 22) Why could you argue that parliament is still sovereign?