

Notes:

The course will be split between two teachers; one focusing on Government and the other on Politics. Unit 2 is a comparative unit, which provides an ideal opportunity to re-visit topics from Unit 1. Unit 3 differs in that it focus on three key political ideologies plus a fourth additional ideology of anarchism.

Term → Year ↓	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
12	<p>The UK</p> <p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ History of the UK government (how did democracy evolve in the UK?) ➤ UK Constitution (what are the strengths and weaknesses of the UK's uncodified constitution?) <p>Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Democracy and participation (what does democracy look like in the UK and how can people participate in politics?) 	<p>The UK</p> <p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Devolution (what are the powers of Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland?) ➤ The Legislature (what are the functions and powers of the House of Commons and the House of Lords?) <p>Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pressure groups (to what extent do pressure groups promote participation and democracy?) 	<p>The UK</p> <p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Executive (what is the function, power and impact of the Prime Minister and the cabinet?) ➤ The Judiciary (what is the role and power of the UK's Supreme Court?) <p>Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Electoral Systems (what are the strengths and weaknesses of the UK's electoral system and how democratic is it?) ➤ Voting behaviour (what affects how people in the UK vote and what role does the media play?) 	<p>The UK</p> <p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The European Union (how does the EU work and what are the implications of Brexit for the UK?) <p>Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Political Parties (what are the characteristics of the UK's mainstream and minority parties and to what extent is the UK a two-party system?) 	<p>The USA</p> <p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Constitution and federalism (what are the strengths and weaknesses of the US's codified constitution and the impact of its federal system?) <p>Re-cap: compare to UK Constitution and devolution</p> <p>Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elections (how do presidential and congressional elections work and what is the debate about funding?) <p>Re-cap: compare to UK elections and electoral systems</p>	<p>The USA</p> <p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Congress (what is the structure and power of the US Congress and how effective is it as a legislative body?) ➤ The Presidency (what are the powers of the president and vice president and how do they work with Congress?) <p>Re-cap: compare to UK parliament and executive</p> <p>Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Political parties (what are the characteristics of the two main parties and what role do minor parties play?) <p>Re-cap: compare to UK political parties</p>
13	<p>The USA</p> <p>Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Supreme Court (what are the functions of the US judiciary and how do they impact US politics?) ➤ Civil Rights (what is affirmative action and what has been done to improve the representation of minorities?) <p>Re-cap: compare to UK Supreme Court and protection of rights</p> <p>Politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pressure groups (what role do pressure groups play in the US and what impact do they have?) <p>Re-cap: compare to UK pressure groups</p>	<p>Ideologies</p> <p>Liberalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What are the core values of liberalism? ➤ How has the ideology evolved over time? ➤ How do the different strands of liberalism compare? ➤ Who are the key liberal thinkers? <p>Re-cap US constitution and federalism</p> <p>Socialism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What are the core values of socialism? ➤ How has the ideology evolved over time? ➤ How do the different strands of socialism compare? ➤ Who are the key socialist thinkers? <p>Re-cap US elections</p>	<p>Ideologies</p> <p>Conservatism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What are the core values of conservatism? ➤ How has the ideology evolved over time? ➤ How do the different strands of conservatism compare? ➤ Who are the key conservative thinkers? <p>Re-cap US Congress, Presidency and political parties</p>	<p>Ideologies</p> <p>Anarchism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What are the core values of anarchism? ➤ How has the ideology evolved over time? ➤ How do the different strands of anarchism compare? ➤ Who are the key anarchist thinkers? <p>Re-cap US Supreme Court, civil rights and pressure groups</p>		