

AQA A Level Politics: Independent Preparatory Task

Title: "Power, Politics and Participation: Who Really Runs the UK?"

Part 1: Research (Approx. 3-4 hours)

Use reputable sources (BBC News, Parliament.uk, Institute for Government, The Guardian, The Times, etc.) to research the following:

1. What is politics?

- Define the term "politics" in your own words.
- What are the main purposes of political systems?

2. Key features of the UK political system:

- What is the role of Parliament?
- How does the Prime Minister get their power?
- What is the difference between government and Parliament?
- What are the main political parties and what do they stand for?

3. Recent political developments (last 12–18 months):

- Choose one major political issue or event (e.g., General Election, House of Lords reform, protest laws, immigration policy, county council elections, climate legislation).
- Summarise what happened and why it matters.

Part 2: Analysis & Reflection (Approx. 2–3 hours)

Write a short report (800–1000 words) titled:

"Who holds the real power in the UK: Parliament, the Prime Minister, or the people?"

Resources to Get You Started

BBC Politics: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/politics>

UK Parliament – How Parliament Works: <https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/>

Institute for Government: <https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/>

AQA A Level Politics Specification: <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/government-and-politics/specifications/AQA-7152-SP-2017.PDF>