

## Politics Summer Tasks:

Please make sure....

- You're not simply copying & pasting information you've found online
- Try to present your work in the appropriate way and email your completed summer tasks to Mr. Ellison by 15:30 on the 18<sup>th</sup> August ([mellison@hartonacademy.co.uk](mailto:mellison@hartonacademy.co.uk))
- Each page should be numbered, have an appropriate subtitle and a bibliography at the back (listing your research sources)

### Task 1:

#### 2019 General Election Case Study

Over the summer you need to carry out some very valuable research and create a fact file that you will use throughout the year.

Your fact file on the 2019 general election should include:

##### A. Context, background and the final result:

- Who had been in power previously? What form of government was this?
- What were the key issues in UK politics going into the election?
- Why was it problematic for Boris Johnson to call an early election in 2019?
- What issue/issues dominated the election?
- What was the outcome of the election? How many seats changed hands? Where? Did any significant politicians lose their seats?
- Which new political parties stood in the election? Why were these parties formed?
- What impact did age, class and gender have on the way people voted?

##### B. The role of the media:

- How was social media used by political parties in the election? How much money did they spend?
- Which newspapers supported which political parties?

- When did the TV debates take place? Who took part? What do opinion polls say about the results of the TV debates?

#### **C. Party policies and manifestos:**

- What were the main policies of the Conservatives, Labour and the Lib Dems?

#### **D. The impact of leadership on the election campaign:**

- What impact did the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn and Boris Johnson have on the election campaign?
- How does this compare to leadership in the 2017 election campaign?
- What were the key messages of the leaders?

#### **E. How the election result affected policy making:**

- What impact did the election result have on Brexit negotiations?
- What impact did Covid-19 have on government policy and manifesto promises?

#### **F. The significance of the electoral system:**

- What is First-Past-The-Post?
- What is the 'Winners Bonus' under First-Past-The-Post?
- What evidence is there that there was a 'Winners Bonus' in 2019?
- Was the result proportional in relation to the number of votes cast and seats gained?
- Does the 2019 election prove that First-Past-The-Post is a good electoral system?

## Task 2: Political Icons:

Research and produce a project on one of the political figures from the grid below. All of these people feature in our A Level politics course so this should be a worthwhile opportunity.

**What must your project contain?** It must cover the following 4 points. You may obviously contain other facts too

1. Biographical details (Birth, death, parents, siblings, children)
2. What are their key books, ideas and beliefs?
3. How have they influenced either liberalism, socialism, conservatism or nationalism?
4. Are there any other political icons who have disagreed with their ideas? Who? Why? What were their ideas?

**How do you present your project?** This is the fun part; it is totally up to you how you put your project together.

Some ideas for presenting your project

- As a PowerPoint (last resort)
- As a diary
- As a cartoon
- As a board game
- As a word document (last resort)
- As a poster
- As a website
- As a podcast

We want you to be as creative as possible.

John Locke	Mary Wollstonecraft	John Stuart Mills	John Rawls	Thomas Hill Green	Betty Friedan
Thomas Hobbes	Edmund Burke	Michael Oakeshott	Ayn Rand	Robert Nozick	
Karl Marx	Friedrich Engels	Beatrice Webb	Rosa Luxemburg	Anthony Crosland	Anthony Giddens
Jean-Jacques Rousseau	Gottfried Von Herder	Giuseppe Mazzini	Charles Maurras	Marcus Garvey	

Colour coding: yellow = liberalism, light blue = conservatism, red = socialism, dark blue = nationalism

**Extension:**

If you would like to extend your political knowledge further, follow the same format as Task 1 to complete a fact file on the 2020 US Presidential election.

**This does not need to be handed in on the 18<sup>th</sup> August. You can submit these to Mr. Ellison in September.**