

Politics

Pre-Course Task

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Pick three of the following parties and research their 2024 General Election manifestos:

- Conservative Party
- Labour Party
- Liberal Democrats
- Reform UK (instead of UKIP, which is now much less relevant nationally)
- SNP

Focus on their policies in three key areas:

- Economy (tax, spending, growth, cost of living)
- Defence (NATO, defence spending, nuclear weapons, foreign policy tone)
- Education (schools, universities, tuition fees, apprenticeships, early years)

Task 2: Analyse the 2024 General Election result

Research the 2024 UK General Election and answer one of the following questions:

1. “What were the main reasons for Labour’s success in the 2024 General Election?”
2. “To what extent can the 2024 Election result be explained as a victory for Keir Starmer rather than a victory for the Labour Party?”

Task 3: Pick one of the following features of the UK Parliament and write a one-page fact file on what it is and what duties it carries out:

- Select Committees
- House of Lords
- The House of Commons Speaker
- Private Members’ Bill

Task 4: Research a British Prime Minister since 1945 and create a summary profile that includes:

- Party, electoral outcomes (majorities, swings to or from etc.)
- Key issues and legislation during their Premiership.
- Key members of their government/s (Chancellor of the Exchequer; Home Secretary, Foreign Secretary etc.)



