

Politics

Pre-Course Task

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Task and Resources Required

Task 1: Pick three of the five political parties below and research their manifestos from the election in 2019. Compare their views on the economy, defence and education and explain whose views in these areas you prefer and why.

You can present the work as an essay or as a detailed table (similarities/differences) with paragraphs explaining what the table shows

- Conservative Party
- Labour Party
- Liberal Democrat
- UKIP
- SNP

Task 2: Research the 2019 General Election and answer one of the following:

1. 'What were the main reasons for the Conservative Party's successes in the election?'
2. To what extent can the 2019 Election result be explained as a victory for Boris rather than a victory for the Conservative Party?

Your essay must include at least three well-researched points, backed up with evidence and a firm conclusion.

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:

1. Select Committees
2. House of Lords
3. The House of Commons Speaker
4. Private Members' Bill

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

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

