**UNIT OVERVIEW:** Voting Behaviour, Media and the Constitution.

**ENQUIRY: How influential is the media in explaining voting choice?**

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| **Unit intention:** To explore how different groups of society vote, factors influencing votes and changes in trends. | | | |
| **Success criteria** | | 🗸 | X |
| I can explain and evaluate class associations with voting trends.  I can evaluate different reasons for voting analyse voting trends of general elections.  I can identify, assess and evaluate different factors affecting voter choice and analyse and evaluate the 1979, 1997 and 2019 general elections.  I can assess and evaluate the role and impact of TV debates, newspapers, social media and opinion polls on general elections (GEs), with examples.  I can explain the key features of the UK constitution with examples.  I can identify and explain the sources of the UK constitution and evaluate the flexible nature of the constitution.  I can assess and evaluate whether the UK’s uncodified constitution is in need of a written constitution.  I can identify and explain the constitutional reforms since 1997 onwards and evaluate whether the constitutional reforms went far enough. | |  |  |
| To be successful:   * Flip reading before every lesson (use textbook, articles provided by the teacher, GC resources) * Come to class with questions for the teacher. * Stay up to date by reading on current affairs. * Regular essay plans and timed assessments * Collaborate with others. | | | |
| **Topic Sequence**   1. Analysis of voter turnout 2. General Election Case Studies – 1979, 1997 and 2019 3. Role and impact of the media 4. Influence of Opinion Polls   Paper 2 - Constitution   1. Introduction and Sources of the Constitution 2. Constitutional Crisis 3. Constitutional Reforms since 1997 – impact, significance and further reform?  * Devolution, Human Rights, Judiciary, Electoral Reform, Parliamentary reforms, Right to Recall MP and Fixed Terms Parliament Act  1. Nature of Devolution – student projects   Codified/Uncodified Constitution debate | **Useful links and Resources:**  **BBC News** [www.bbc.com/politics](http://www.bbc.com/politics)  **Channel Four News (Politics)** – in depth video analysis of political stories. <https://www.channel4.com/news/>  The **Economist** has analysis and opinions of the latest political stories. <https://www.economist.com/>  **The Telegraph** – Current political news, more from a Conservative perspective. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/>  The **Guardian** – Current political news, more from a liberal perspective. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics>  **Blogs**  **UCL Constitution Unit** – Research based blog dealing with analysis of current political problems  <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/>  **Politics blog** <http://alevelpolitics.com/>  **Useful resources**  **Tutor2u – resources for A-Level Politics**  <https://www.tutor2u.net/politics>  **Politics Review Magazines – Extra Resources**  <https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/magazines/magazines-extras/politics-review-extras> | | |