

# IB Political Thought

## Year 12: Political Thought

### 1. Political Thinkers (30%)

The study of four texts of political theory that stand as the benchmark for their respective ideologies:

- Mill and liberalism
- Burke and conservatism
- Marx and socialism
- Woodcock and anarchism

Students also start the internal assessment (30%) in year 12 – an investigation into a political issue of your choice.

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## Year 13: Political Thought

### 2. Political Concepts (40%)

This involves a detailed study of a range of linked political concepts:

- liberty and toleration
- equality and social justice
- rights and obligations
- democracy and representation

# A-level Government & Politics

## Year 12: British Politics

### 1. Politics of the UK

Political parties; Pressure groups; Elections & voting behaviour.

### 2. Government of the UK

The Constitution; Branches of Government: Parliament, the Prime Minister & cabinet, the Judiciary; the European Union

### Exam

2 papers; 90 minutes each

Compulsory source questions; 1 essay from a choice of 3

# A-level Government & Politics

## Year 13: US & Comparative Democratic Politics

### 1. Government & Politics of the US

The Constitution, Supreme Court, Congress, the presidency, presidential elections...

### 2. Comparative Democratic Politics

Constitutions, Judiciaries, Legislatures, Executives, Elections, civil rights...

### Exam

2 papers; 90 minutes each; essays

US – 4 essays from 8; Comparative: 2 essays from 8

# Government & Politics

## **A-level:**

British and American  
Politics

- Institutions
- Systems
- Comparative merits  
and demerits
- Reform

**EMPIRICAL  
COMPARATIVE**

## **IB:**

Political Thought

- Thinkers & their  
ideas
- Key concepts
- Coursework

**THEORETICAL  
NORMATIVE**

# Government & Politics

## **Demands – be prepared to:**

Read

Be a politics-watcher

Have your opinions ruthlessly dissected

## **Rewards – you will be able to:**

Think critically

Argue effectively

Understand contested issues

Be a good citizen