

 <p>The John Roan School Sixth Form The best in everyone™ Part of United Learning</p> <p>Year 11 Bridging Work for A-LEVEL POLITICS</p> <p>Weeks 3 and 4: US Government and Politics – an introduction</p>	 <p>Complete Research and define the following key terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Founding Fathers • Federalism • Separation of Powers • Checks and Balances • The State of the Union Address • Impeachment • Partisanship. <p>Time: 30 minutes</p>	 <p>Read Earlier this year Donald Trump (the 45th President of the United States) was impeached. Click on the link, watch the video clips and read the text and then explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Trump was impeached • Summarise the evidence ‘for’ and ‘against’ Trump’s impeachment • Research the outcome of Trump’s impeachment. <p>Link: https://bbc.in/2yDRJgv Time: 1 hour</p>	 <p>Listen Listen to the following podcast and answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was Roe v Wade such a landmark case? • What do you think they mean by the term ‘precedent’ where law is concerned? • Why is the anti-abortion movement ‘close’ to reversing the Roe v Wader ruling? <p>Link: https://bit.ly/2yFfCEB Time: 1 hour</p>
 <p>Complete The US Constitution is rightly famous around the world. The Constitution has an equally famous Preamble – an executive summary of the principles which the Constitution then fleshes out. Read and listen to the preamble and then:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarise its key foci and • Rewrite the Preamble in a style of your choosing for a modern audience. <p>Link: https://bit.ly/3ep7erZ Time: 1 hour</p>	 <p>Listen Listen to the following episode of The Documentary about the Black Lives Matter movement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the Black Lives Matter movement a response to? • Research the 3/5 compromise. Do you agree that strained race relations today are linked to America’s past? Why? <p>Link https://bbc.in/3es9nTG Time: 1 hour</p>	 <p>Watch Watch the following clip taken from the drama <i>West Wing</i>. In your own words, what is going on in this clip? Complete some online research to find out why the characters in the clip (the president’s advisors) are so worried about the balance of the Supreme Court? Write down 5 reasons.</p> <p>Link: https://bit.ly/2B2cN10 Time: 40 minutes</p>	 <p>Complete This November sees a presidential election to elect the 46th President of the United States. Using books or reliable search engines put together a list of all the presidents and their key policies since (and including) the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1945. You should include the political party of each president and whether they served one term or two in office.</p> <p>Time: 2-3 hours</p>
 <p>Watch Study the following Time Magazine front cover featuring Donald Trump. What can we infer about Donald Trump as a person from this image? What kind of message is he trying to send the American people about who he is, and the kind of president he is?</p> <p>Link: https://bit.ly/2X8pErO Time: 30 minutes</p>	 <p>Read The US Supreme Court plays a huge role in the lives of Americans. Follow the link to the ‘Time’ article below to read about the controversial appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Court. Summarise the key issues raised by the article. Get in touch if some of the terminology/content is difficult.</p> <p>Link: https://bit.ly/36APsPG Time: 1 hour</p>	 <p>Watch The following clip of a presidential debate between the Democrat President and his Republican competitor sums up a fundamental difference between the Democratic and Republican parties. Use the clip and your own research to put into your own words what this is. Write one paragraph on the Republican position and one of the Democrat position.</p> <p>Link: https://bit.ly/2TOc75U Time: 40 minutes</p>	<p>Good luck!!</p> <p>We are really looking forward to teaching you next year. Please feel free to send any completed work or questions to Mr Wilson.</p> <p>roddy.wilson@thejohnroanschool.org.uk</p>