



Teign School Assessment Overview



Politics

Year	Assessment	Cycle 1 -12 Weeks (10 weeks teaching, 1 week assessment, 1 impact week)	Cycle 2 -12 Weeks (10 weeks teaching, 1 week assessment, 1 impact week)	Cycle 3 -12 Weeks (10 weeks teaching, 1 week assessment, 1 impact week)
12	Baseline assessment	Introduction to Politics assessment: short answer applied approaches questions. Retrieving learning from Year 8!	Government: Baseline assessment on Constitution and Parliament, focussing on key areas. Politics: Progress check: quiz to assess knowledge retention from previous cycle.	Government: Baseline assessment on Prime Minister and Executive. Politics: Progress check: quiz to assess knowledge retention of previous cycle.
	Mid cycle assessment (For some subjects it may be appropriate to have 2 mid-cycle assessments)	Government: Constitution assessment - source focus. Parliament assessment - source focus. Politics: Evaluative essay question – E.g. 'Evaluate the view that UK democracy is in crisis.' This then links to how pressure groups try to alleviate that crisis and culminates in a second evaluative essay question: E.g. 'Evaluate the view that pressure groups have little impact on government decisions.'	Government: Prime Minister and Executive – topic test- source focus. Relationship between the institutions – topic test – source focus. Politics: Evaluative essay question – E.g. 'Why has the funding of political parties been an issue in British politics?' This then links to the factors that affect party success.	Government and Politics: Core political ideas: Liberalism – topic assessment Socialism – topic assessment. Knowledge from these assessments will inform the next core and non-core political ideas, as there are common links between them – how they relate to human nature, the state, society and the economy.

	End of cycle assessment	Government: Paper 2 practice from 2 sections (Constitution and Parliament) Politics: Timed essay (source based question) E.g. 'Explain why the Human Rights Act has been controversial.' Edexcel mark scheme used to ensure consistent marking.	Government: Full paper 2 exam focussing on 30- and 24-mark questions. Politics: Paper 1 assessment, focusing on source based and evaluative questions. Moderation between Politics teachers to take place.	Government and Politics: Core and non-core political ideas exam questions. Moderation between Politics teachers to take place.
13	Baseline assessment	Government & Politics: Year 12 review – PPE.	Government: Baseline assessment on US Constitution and Federalism and US Congress focussing on key areas. Politics: Progress check: quiz to assess knowledge retention of previous cycle.	
	Mid cycle assessment (For some subjects it may be appropriate to have 2 mid-cycle assessments)	Government: US Constitutional and Federalism – topic test US Congress – topic test Politics: Evaluative essay question. E.g. 'Evaluate the view that the procedures for electing US Presidents are not fit for purpose.' This is then built on, by examining whether the US still has a 2 party system.	Government: US Supreme Court and Civil Rights – topic test Politics: US Presidency – Evaluative essay question. E.g. 'Evaluate the extent to which the power of the President is the power to persuade.' This then leads onto comparative approaches, beginning with the Rational approach which focuses on individuals, e.g. the President!	

	End of cycle assessment	Government & Politics: Paper 3 test – assessment on 3 topics. Edexcel mark scheme used to ensure consistency in marking. Moderation between Politics teachers.	Government and Politics: Paper 3 test (full paper). Synoptic components included (comparison between UK & USA). Moderation between Politics teachers.	