

# Government and Politics A Level 2026 – Introductory Task

## Your Task

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In Component 1, you will be learning about democracy, electoral systems, political parties and voting behaviour, and in Component 2 you will learn about the UK Constitution, Parliament, the Prime Minister and the Supreme Court as well as how these different branches interact with each other. This introductory task will give you a flavour of some of these core topics.

You should **design 5 posters** – one each for the Conservatives, Labour, Liberal Democrats and Reform. You can work individually or in pairs.

Each poster should contain some **basic key information**:

- The **leader** of the party and other important party figures
- The outcome of the **2024 general election**
  - The number of seats (MPs) in Westminster and the change in the number of seats compared to the 2019 general election
  - The proportion of the vote share
  - Key **manifesto promises from the 2024 election**
  - Evidence of campaign ads / slogans / **social media activities**
  - Any other factors that you think might be relevant in explaining the party's performance in the 2024 election

**Be creative** in how you present your posters! Try using images, charts such as pie charts or bar charts, or attempting to construct your own infographics, rather than using lots of words. Your poster can be hand-made, designed electronically, or in any other medium that you like.

Please come to your first lesson in September with your research and be prepared to discuss your findings and thoughts on each bullet point above.

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## Possible information sources:

- Official party websites
  - <https://www.conservatives.com/>
  - <http://www.labour.org.uk/>
  - <https://www.libdems.org.uk/>
  - <https://www.snp.org/>
  - <https://www.greenparty.org.uk/>
  - <http://www.ukip.org/>
  - <http://www2.plaid.cymru/>
  - <http://www.mydup.com/>
  - <http://www.womensequality.org.uk/>
- Manifesto guides
  - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2019-50291676>
  - <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/ng-interactive/2019/nov/26/bitesize-guide-uk-election-manifestos-2019-labour-conservative-liberal-democrats>
- 2015 election outcomes
  - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2015-32624405>
- 2017 election outcomes
  - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-2017-40176349>
  - <http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7979>
- 2019 election outcomes
  - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election/2019/results>
  - <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/ng-interactive/2019/dec/12/uk-general-election-2019-full-results-live-labour-conservatives-tories>
- Referendum campaigns
  - EU Referendum: Vote Leave and Remain
  - Scottish referendum: Yes Scotland and Better Together
- Devolved legislatures / executives
  - <http://www.parliament.scot/msps/12450.aspx>
  - <http://www.assembly.wales/en/memhome/Pages/mem-seating-plan.aspx>
  - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election/ni2017/results>
- Prime Ministers
  - <https://www.gov.uk/government/history/past-prime-ministers>