



Year 12  
Politics  
Summer Work  
2025



Mrs. Chamberlain

## Who were the winners and losers of the UK 2024 election?

Your summer task for me is to answer the question above in around 750 words. It is a piece of extended writing, rather than bullet points please. I am looking for a short essay. Please identify who the winners and losers were and please justify your thoughts. This answer could be focused on parties, individuals, and the country. Here are some suggestions for links to use as research:

- [Election 2024 - Election 2024: The Highlights - BBC iPlayer](#)
- [BBC iPlayer - Election 2024 - BBC Prime Ministerial Debate](#)
- [BBC iPlayer - Election 2024 - Question Time Leaders' Special: The Highlights](#)
- [BBC iPlayer - Election 2024 - The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson: Sir Ed Davey, Liberal Democrats](#)
- UK elections: winners, losers and surprises <https://youtu.be/tyzk3fmDEKI>
- [2024 in review – The changing face of Conservative politics - British Politics and Policy at LSE](#)
- [2024 in review – Labour in Government - British Politics and Policy at LSE](#)

Be prepared to justify your thoughts with your classmate in the first lesson in September. It makes for a great analytical icebreaker

I would also like this handed in in hard copy as your first A level assignment.

Mr. Lilley

### **Prime Minister's Timeline**

You need to make a timeline of all British Prime Ministers and Leaders of the Opposition from 1945 to today (beginning with Winston Churchill). How you present your timeline is up to you, but it must show five things:

- The party that the Prime Minister belonged to.
- A picture of each of the Prime Ministers
- The name of the Leader of the Main Opposition.
- The dates of the general election
- Size of the governing majority

You may find Wikipedia lists rather helpful for this task.

Remember, a timeline looks like a picture, with each year given an identical distance (e.g. 1 cm). It is not just a list! A list won't quickly show how long a Prime Minister was in power for and will make it difficult to quickly compare tenures between Prime Ministers.

You can make your timeline digitally or crack out the scissors and Prit Stick – it doesn't matter. Just have fun!

**Extension:**

You may enjoy watching these videos whilst making it!

Coalition - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ep6TUfprGc>

TORY, TORY, TORY – Ep 1 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7\\_3nt-GRqc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7_3nt-GRqc)

TORY, TORY, TORY – Ep 3 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaBjlq8LKOQ>

New Labour Revolution – Ep 1 – [Blair & Brown: The New Labour Revolution \(Episode 1\) \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaBjlq8LKOQ)

Dispatches – Gordon Brown – Where did it all go wrong?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A00f18HgKKI>

Dispatches – Cameron Uncovered <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2e9uLfq2P8I>

5 Days that Changed Britain - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRHUNxVCnxw>

Theresa v Boris – The Battle to be PM <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7wBpJu4duQ>

Liz Truss - [A Timeline of Liz Truss's 45 Days as U.K. Prime Minister | WSJ \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7wBpJu4duQ)

Sunak - [What happened in UK politics in 2024? | BBC Newscast](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7wBpJu4duQ)

## **Textbooks**

**You'll need one textbook for the course. There are electronic versions available but here is the link**

**[Pearson Edexcel A Level Politics 2nd edition: UK Government and Politics, Political Ideas and US Government and Politics : Tuck, David, Jenkins, Sarra, Jefferies, John: Amazon.co.uk: Books](#)**

Please be careful not to purchase the Global Politics version

### **Course Outline**

	<b>Unit 1</b>	<b>Unit 2</b>	<b>Unit 3</b>
<b>Content</b>	UK Politics  Political Ideas	UK Government  Political Ideas	US Government and Politics
<b>Topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Democracy and Participation</li><li>• Political Parties</li><li>• Electoral System</li><li>• Voting Behaviour and the media</li> <li>• Liberalism</li><li>• Socialism</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Constitution<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parliament</li></ul></li><li>• Prime Minister and the executive</li><li>• Relations between the branches</li> Students given a choice between:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anarchism</li></ul></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• US Constitution and federalism</li><li>• US Congress</li><li>• US Presidency</li><li>• US Supreme Court and civil rights</li><li>• US democracy and participation</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservatism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ecologism</li> <li>• Feminism</li> <li>• Multiculturalism</li> <li>• Nationalism</li> </ul>	
<b>Assessed by</b>	<p><b>Long answers</b></p> <p>Three essays from a choice of 6</p>	<p><b>Long answers</b></p> <p>Three essays from a choice of 6</p>	<p><b>A combination of short and long answers</b></p>

Over the summer, try some podcasts on both UK and US current affairs. They are never dull.



Over the summer, keep a record of political events like a diary

Date	Event	Potential Impact

Welcome to A Level Politics