

UPPER SIXTH POLITICS LENT 1- The Electoral system and Direct Democracy

Topic/Content	Objectives/Skills	Homework	Assessment	Success Criteria	Stretch & Challenge (Thirst for Learning)
1) The Presidential Election System	-To understand the main characteristics of presidential elections and campaigns.	Explain and analyse three ways in which the process for selecting presidential candidates is flawed(9 marks)	Extract based activity –AQA specimen paper ‘Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the presidential nominating process. Use the extract and your own knowledge in your own answer’(25 marks)	GCE Grades A*-E	Watch episodes 1-6 of the Netflix series ‘The Road to the White House’ www.opensecrets.org - for data on campaign finance www.fec.gov The website of the Federal Election Commission https://ballotpedia.org www.270towin.com Electoral maps and historical data.
2) The Electoral college	-To analyse debates concerning its workings ,outcomes and impact on campaigns	Extract based activity on ‘Should the electoral college be abolished? Page 293 Bennett			
3) Congressional elections	- To understand the main characteristics of congressional elections and campaigns.	Activity page 285 in Bennett			
4) Direct Democracy at state level	--To develop knowledge and understanding of different forms of direct democracy in the USA	Activity bottom page 285.			
5) Voting behaviour in US Elections.	-To assess the main variables of voting behaviour in the US -To understand the links between parties and their core voting coalitions.	Explain and analyse three factors influencing voting behaviour in the US.			
6) Comparing US and UK elector	-To analyse and evaluate the main differences between the US and UK election systems.	‘Money is too important and unregulated in US and UK elections			

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