

**US GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS TERM 2**

Topic/Content	Objectives/Skills	Homework	Assessment	Success Criteria	Stretch & Challenge (Thirst for Learning)
1) The executive branch of government :The President	Students will be required to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: -sources of presidential powers -formal powers eg) enumerated powers -informal powers eg) implied powers such as the impact of the elastic clause -Constraints upon presidents powers -power and influence of the Cabinet and EXOP -Theories of presidential power	Explain and analyse three ways that the president can influence foreign policy(9 marks) Explain three ways in which the president may use his cabinet(9 marks) Extract question page 171 in Bennett text book.	'The constitutional power of the Prime Minister exceeds the power of the President .Analyse and evaluate this statement.(25 marks)	GCE Grades A* -E	Prepare a presentation comparing the following us presidents to the rest of the class- -Donald Trump -Barack Obama -George W Bush - Bill Clinton -George H Bush -Ronald Reagan Watch a series of Youtube documentaries on ; Crash course US Politics US Presidents 1977-2018. Read commentaries on presidential power eg) Graubard, Hamilton,Neustadt, Wildavsky,Mervin Watch the Netflix programme 'The Thirteenth'
2)The Judicial Branch of Government	Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of; -Constitutional role of the Supreme Court -The significance of judicial Review and Judicial Independence - Different judicial philosophies eg) Strict Constructionism vs Judicial Activism -Selection and appointment of supreme court justices -Landmark Cases of the Supreme Court	-Explain three ways in which the Supreme Court could be regarded as a political instution. -Extract question page 231 text book -Essay 'The poiltica significance of the US Supreme Court far exceeds that of the UK Supreme Court.			

3)Civil Rights	Students will be required to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of; Protection of civil liberties under the constitution in the Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments and rulings of the Supreme Court -To consider the impact of two recent political issues concerning civil liberties and liberties in the US eg) race and sexual orientation	Explain and analyse three ways in which affirmative action has been successful(9 Marks) 'Citizens Rights are better protected than the judiciary in the USA than the UK' Analyse and evaluate this statement.(25 marks)			Research recent cases of the US Supreme Court