

Politics Top 10 KS5 Reading List

Top Reads

Arford, Bernie, Politics: An introduction; user-friendly text for students taking introductory courses in politics. It provides completely updated and stimulating coverage of topics essential to the understanding of contemporary politics

Essentials of Political Ideas: For A Level by Andrew Heywood: It sets ideas and thinkers in context and provides an excellent foundation for develop an understanding of political thought

A Promised Land by Barack Obama: The first black presidents of the Unites States, Barack Obama, tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world

Easy Reads

Animal Farm by George Orwell: This book as a thinly veiled allegorical response to the 1917 Russian Revolution, and the authoritarian “reign of terror” that followed during Stalinism.

The Politics Book by Sam DK: Introduction into 80 of the world's greatest thinkers and their political big ideas that continue to shape our lives today.

Enrichment Reads

Calvocoressi, P. (2009) World Politics since 1945: studies key events that have help to shape the world since 1945 including rise of India and China as major powers;

Andrew Hindmoor, 12 Days that made Modern Britain: focuses on twelve key days in the history of the United Kingdom over the last five decades. Outlines what happened on those days and the subsequent consequences,

[Snyder](#) T. **On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century** – 20 key lessons from the 20th century that teach us how to preserve and bolster democracy.

Challenging Reads

On Liberty, John Stuart Mill: Core political work on the theory of society and the balance between individualism and the state.

The Social Contract, John-Jacques Rousseau: This work aim to explain the basis for a legitimate, political authority in which people must give up their natural liberty

The Communist Manifesto, Karl Marx: This work is it is often cited as blueprint and founding document of left-wing political movement