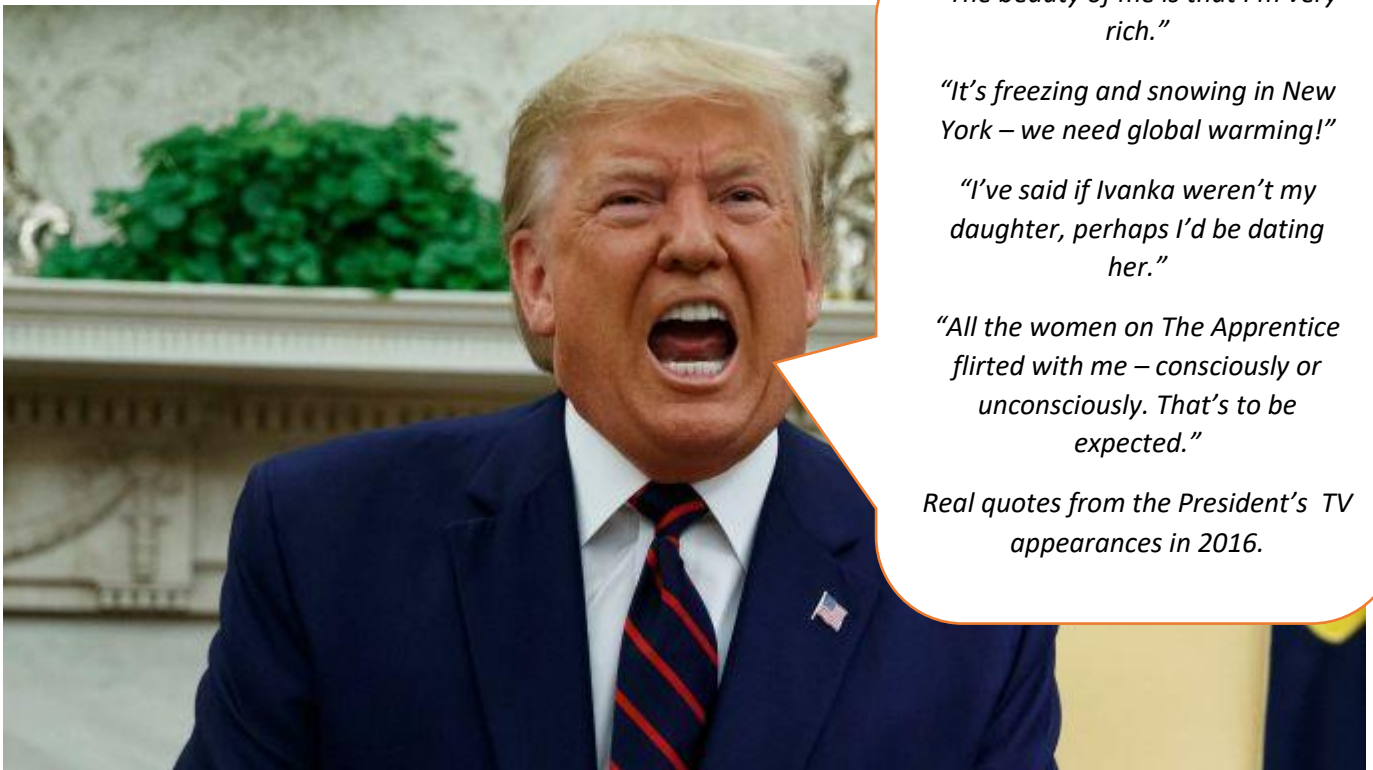


A Level Politics Year 11

Bridging the Gap 2



“The beauty of me is that I’m very rich.”

“It’s freezing and snowing in New York – we need global warming!”

“I’ve said if Ivanka weren’t my daughter, perhaps I’d be dating her.”

“All the women on The Apprentice flirted with me – consciously or unconsciously. That’s to be expected.”

Real quotes from the President’s TV appearances in 2016.

Welcome, year 11! This is your second ‘Bridging the Gap’ task for A level Politics, which you’ve chosen to take at A level this September. The pack is designed to give you a flavour of what A level Politics is all about. The pack will be an independent research project. The work in these packs will take a long time, so you can break it up. Don’t feel you need to complete it all in one go!

A Level course outline		
Year 12: UK Politics	Year 12-13: Ideologies	Year 13: US Politics
UK Constitution, Parliament & Prime Minister	Liberalism	US Constitution, Congress & Presidency
UK Democracy	Conservatism	US Democracy
UK Parties	Socialism	US Parties
UK Elections & Voting	Nationalism	US Elections & Voting

UK Research Task:

Your research task is to choose one of the following parties: Conservative & Unionist Party or Labour Party.

You need to research the history of the party, their ideology and policy beliefs (including their most recent election manifesto), their electoral performance (are they currently in government? How well did they do at the last election (Dec 2019)?) and finally key figures in that party (include photos and descriptions of who they are). This should be about one A4 page of typed work. You need to turn this into some sort of leaflet/flyer about that party including pictures, not just a set of notes.

Wikipedia is an excellent resource for this task (as a general rule, you shouldn't rely on Wikipedia – but it IS a really good source of useful information!) but you should use more than one source to complete this work.

USA Research Task:

Your research task is to choose one of the following parties: Republican Party or Democratic Party.

You need to research the history of the party, their ideology and policy beliefs (including their most recent election platform), their electoral performance (Is the current President from that party? Do they have a majority in Congress? How well did they do at the last elections (Nov 2016 for the President and Nov 2018 for Congress)?) and finally key figures in that party (include photos and descriptions of who they are). This should be about one A4 page of typed work. You need to turn this into some sort of leaflet/flyer about that party including pictures, not just a set of notes.

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Country Research Task:

Now that in Bridging the Gap 1 and 2 you have researched and begun to understand some core concepts and issues in government & politics, you have an opportunity to choose any country of your choice and research it. Your country of choice cannot be the UK. Some suggestions are:

United States of America // France // Germany // Spain // Poland // Greece // Turkey // Canada // Mexico // China // South Korea // Russia.

You need to research using sources of your choice (as with the above, Wikipedia is useful but you should use other sources too): what is the political history of the country? What kind of political system are they? What are the major political institutions - do they have a parliament/president/prime minister/etc.? How democratic are they? What are the major political parties and issues in that country? How often are elections held? How rich/poor are people in this country compared to the UK and USA? What's going on (politically) in that country right now? Again, this should be about one A4 typed page, but should have pictures/diagrams as necessary, not just a set of notes.