

YEAR 9 VALUES - GET POLITICAL



KEY WORDS		
1	Civil Rights	Guarantees of equal social opportunities and protection under the law (such as the right to vote)
2	Convention	An agreement which is not binding is law but always followed in practice.
3	Persecuted	Being subject to harsh or ill treatment because of your race, culture, sexuality, religious and political beliefs, etc.
4	Sustainability	Avoiding using up natural resources in order to maintain a balance with nature.
5	Ethnic Group	A community or population made up of people who share a common cultural background.
6	Political Spectrum	A line which is used to show where a political party is in relation to others based on its policies.
7	Weapons of Mass Destruction	Any weapon that can kill a great many people and cause a lot of damage.

B DEMOCRACY		
1	Elections	The formal process by which voters get to vote for their elected representatives..
2	Constitution	A formal set of rules that explains what a government can do and what its duties are. Codified means it is written as a legal document and uncodified if it is not written down.
3	Importance of voting	When governments reflect the people that vote for them. (Representation)
4		Governments are responsible to the people that vote for them (Accountability)

C GOVERNMENT		
1	Prime Minister	The leader of the UK government and who commands the majority of MPs in the Commons.
2	Policy	A course of action proposed by a political party.
3	Manifesto	The signed agreement of the monarch to a bill passed by parliament which makes it law.
4	Military Campaign	A plan of action by the armed forces to achieve a goal.
5	Political Parties	An alliance of like-minded people who work together to win elections and control of the government (Labour, Conservative, Liberal Democrat)

D PARLIAMENT		
1	Parliament	Creates laws for the UK and is made up of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch.
2	Member of Parliament	Successful candidates who represent their constituency in Parliament.
3	House of Commons	The elected chamber of Parliament which is made up of 650 MPs.
4	House of Lords	The appointed chamber of Parliament which is made up of 775 peers.
5	Monarch	A sovereign head of state (usually king, queen or emperor)
6	Constitution	A formal set of rules that explains what a government can do and what its duties are. Codified means it is written as a legal document and uncodified if it is not written down.
7	Bill	A proposal for a new law.