



## PHILOSOPHY RELIGION AND ETHICS A LEVEL SUPER-CURRICULAR



### AIMING FOR THE TOP AND ASPIRING HIGH

#### Reading Tasks

**The Prime Ministers** by Iain Dale.

*This book brings to life all 55 of Britain's Prime Ministers with an essay for each office holder, written by key figures in British politics. From the obscure 18th-century figures like the Earl of Shelburne to 20th-century titans like Churchill and Thatcher, this book provides a much-needed reminder about their motivations, failures and achievements.*

**Prime Ministers We Never Had** by Steve Richards

*In this piercing and original history, Steve Richards looks at eleven prime ministers we never had, examining what made each of these illustrious figures unique and why they failed to make the final leap to the top. Based on unprecedented access and interviews with key political figures this fascinating study of failure and success sheds new light on some of the most compelling characters in British public life.*

**The Presidents: 25 years of American Political Leadership** by Iain Dale

*This book features essays, written by a range of academics, historians, political journalists and serving politicians, on all 46 American Presidents who have held the office over the last 250 years - from George Washington to Joe Biden. Each contributor has expert knowledge of their subjects and personal connections, providing analysis of their subject's successes, failures and influence.*

#### Writing Tasks

##### **Trinity Essay Prize**

Enter the annual RA Butler Prize for Year 12 students from Trinity College, Cambridge. Details [here](#).

## **Listening Tasks**

### **Gordon Brown**

Listen to The Brown Years (BBC Sounds [here](#))

### **Jeremy Corbyn**

Listen to The Corbyn Story (BBC Sounds [here](#))

### **General elections**

Listen to the You're Dead to Me podcast: A History of General Elections [here](#).

### **Mary Wollstonecraft**

Listen to You're Dead to Me: Mary Wollstonecraft [here](#).

## **Watching Tasks**

### **David Cameron**

The Cameron Years (BBC iPlayer [here](#))

### **Blair and Brown**

Blair and Brown: The New Labour Revolution (BBC iPlayer [here](#))

### **Barak Obama**

Inside Obama's White House (BBC iPlayer [here](#))

### **Donald Trump**

The Trump Show (BBC Sounds [here](#))

## **Research Tasks**

### **Famous election victories**

Research the factors that led to the result in one of the following famous elections: Thatcher's 1997 victory, Blair's 1997 victory, or Johnson's 2019 victory.

### **Electoral systems**

Research the advantages and disadvantages of the following electoral systems [here](#): FPTP, AMS, STV, and SV. Discover where each system is used - and make a judgement on which system is 'best' overall.

### **Party policies**

Research the main ideas of the [Labour Party](#), [Conservative Party](#), and [Liberal Democrats](#). Focus on their approach to the economy, welfare (including the NHS), law and order, and immigration.

## **Trips & Visits**

### **Parliament**

Houses of Parliament, Visitors and Exhibition Centre [here](#).

### **People's History Museum**

People's History Museum, Manchester (National Museum of Democracy) [here](#).

### **British Library**

Treasures of the British Library, British Library, London, [here](#).