

I should already know:

Y7 have studied identity and community cohesion.
Y8 have studied why we have rules and Nazi rise of dictatorship

I will learn:

- The history of democracy
- Alternatives to democracy
- Life in a dictatorship
- Different types of voting system
- Political ideologies
- Main political parties of the UK
- Political participation

This will help in the future:

To be an active citizen
To understand political changes in History

Key Words

Democracy	Democracy means rule by the people. People have a say in how the government is run and they do this by voting. There are different systems of voting.
Candidate	A person who is nominated for election. They campaign for votes.
Ballot	A system of voting secretly and in writing. The slip of paper the vote is written on is the ballot paper.
Election	a formal and organised choice by vote of a person for a political office.
Political Party	A group of people who have the same ideology/beliefs who field candidates for elections, in an attempt to get them elected and thereby implement the party's agenda/manifesto.

Left and right wing politics...



The French Revolutionary era was where the terms **Left-wing** politics and **Right-wing** politics first **originated**. The reason for the terms was the seating of the régime of France at that time. The aristocrats sat on the **right**, and the commoners sat on the **left**



Greater Depth Challenge

Create your own manifesto for a political party.

Include policies on ...

- Health
- Education
- Crime

Further Reading

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3ckjxs>
Democracy and Justice

	Democracy	a government which is elected by the people. Everyone who is eligible to vote has a chance to have a say in who runs the country.
	Anarchy	a condition of lawlessness brought about by the absence of a government.
	Communism	a government which owns things like businesses and farms. It provides its people's healthcare, education and welfare.
	Monarchy	a country is governed by a king or queen. In some traditional monarchies, the monarch has absolute power. In a constitutional monarchy, like the UK, the democratically elected government limits the monarch's control.
	Dictatorship	a country is ruled a single leader. The leader has not been elected and may use force to keep control. In a military dictatorship, the army is in control.

Types of Vote

First Past the Post	In elections held under FPTP, each voter makes a mark next to one candidate on the ballot paper. The candidate who wins the most votes in each constituency is elected.
Alternative Vote	In elections held under the Alternative Vote, each voter may rank candidates on the ballot paper in order of preference (1, 2, 3 etc.). If no one reaches 50% of 1 st choices then candidates are eliminated until a clear winner is found.

Life in a dictatorship: North Korean defector and author of "The Girl With Seven Names" Hyeonsoo Lee explains what life was really like living in the country until she fled at the age of 17.

Everything we grew up with in North Korea was normal. I thought just the praising the leaders as God you know, public executions. We grew up with those public executions. We thought this was a very normal thing to do as a human being. I thought every country have this system. And the ... the constant public executions were a constant reminder that I shouldn't do anything to disobey our government and the leaders.

In North Korea we can't say the leaders' name by itself. We have to put something the titles in front of the name. Otherwise, we can't be — we can be sent to political prison camp. As North Koreans, we know that. We have to be careful what we are saying. By saying wrong things can be sent to prison camp. Then not only you, but entire family will be disappeared in the middle of the night. It's a very common knowledge inside North Korea.

We don't know what happens inside but once somebody's sent inside there can't get out of the camp until they die. My mom told me many times that when you are outside you have to be careful what you are saying and don't repeat the words of what you hear at home. This is the North Korea, exactly. Right now, I feel like we live in a — just prison. It's like a virtual prison we live inside the country.

