

S1 Modern Studies Scheme of Work

Students will study two key topics:

1. Living in a Democracy
2. Rich World, Poor World



Democracy in the UK

Overview:

1. Rights and Responsibilities
2. The meaning of 'Democracy'
3. Democracy vs Dictatorship
4. Why we vote
5. Our representatives and what they do
6. Devolved and Reserved powers
7. Elections and how we vote
8. Class election
9. Influence of the media

Skills students will learn:

Producing graphs – election results

Group work skills

Detecting bias and exaggeration

Preparing and delivering a persuasive speech

Specific homework tasks:

Rights and freedoms source task

Research political parties

Election report

Source task – exaggeration

End of unit test revision

Assessment:

Combination of Election Report and end of unit test (knowledge - 20 marks). Students should prepare for the test by revising jotter notes. Students should be able to explain / describe the main issues (above in overview) in a reasonable amount of detail, giving examples where possible.

Rich World, Poor World

Overview:

1. Stereotypes of rich and poor countries
2. Indicators of poverty and development
3. Why some countries are poor and the problems they face
4. Interdependence
5. How richer countries can help
6. How organisations can help

Skills students will learn:

Discussion and debating skills

Map skills

Listening / note-taking from a documentary

Working with a partner

Summarising text

Independent research skills

Class presentation

Specific homework tasks:

Spending money writing task

Government spending 'finding out' task

Presentation research and preparation

Assessment:

Assessment is based solely on the presentation. Students must describe in detail the social and economic differences between two countries in terms of housing, education, health, jobs, wealth. They also must describe the social and economic problems faced by poor countries and explain interdependence and aid. They also receive marks for effort and impact.