



Humanities Faculty Modern Studies Home Learning



Suggested activities for home learning

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Topic 1 – What is Modern Studies?

- Discuss what makes a good community and positive aspects of your local community

Topic 2 – Democracy in the UK

- Visit the surgery of a local representative to ask them questions about your local area
- Look up the following website on political parties and campaigning:
<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/find-information-by-subject/political-parties-campaigning-and-donations>
- Look up the following website and find out information on your local representatives:
<http://www.theyworkforyou.com/>
- Explore the following game to be a MP for a week:
<https://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/mp-for-a-week-game/mp-for-a-week/>

Topic 3 – Enquiry Skills

- Read a newspaper or online news article and try to detect bias or exaggeration.
- Try comparing two news articles discussing the same topic or issue and discuss what the differences are between the two articles.



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Topic 1 – An Unequal World

- Look at the following websites:
<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>
<http://www.unicef.org.uk/>
<http://www.comicrelief.com/about-us>
- Complete the following quiz to explore statistics on inequality:
<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/inequality-quiz>
- Explore the following website which explores statistical information about worldwide inequalities: <https://wid.world/>

Topic 2 – Conflict

- Discuss situations of conflict at home. Consider how these are resolved.
- Research a current world conflict or world issue and discuss the background, what is happening now and how this may be resolved
- Look at various news reports about a conflict. Explore the different ways this has been reported on and discuss whether you can detect any bias in these reports. This can be done using newspapers articles from: BBC News, the Independent, ITV News, the Sun etc.
- The following video discusses prime examples of conflict in 2019:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7nogfH1ro>



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Topic 1 – Child Soldiers

- Watch the film 'Blood Diamond' (please be aware this is rated as a '15' and does contain some bad language and violence)
- Look at the following websites with video clips and revision materials:

<https://www.warchild.org.uk/issues/child-soldiers>

Topic 2 – Pressure Groups & Media

- Look at the following websites:

<http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/>

- Discuss any pressure group actions on the news and discuss the success of these

Topic 3 – USA

- Keep up to date with the debate on gun crime in the media

<http://uk.businessinsider.com/how-many-mass-shootings-in-america-this-year-2018-2>

- Follow key political figures on twitter such as Donald Trump

Topic 4 – Crime & Law

- Look at the following websites:

<http://www.sps.gov.uk/>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>

- Visit the Crime and Investigation Website and complete the interactive game

<http://www.crimeandinvestigation.co.uk/shows/games/solve-the-murder>



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