

Pupil Prime Minister

Lesson 1

Welcome to Pupil Prime Minister! This first lesson helps children get a general overview of politics.

N.B. This project will require you to split the class into 2 halves, creating two political parties. You may decide to do this by grouping school houses/teams together. You can involve the children by allowing them to name their own parties.

Introduction (10 mins)

Using the IWB file, discuss what the children already know about politics and how the country is run. You may choose to get them to write things they know down on post-it notes or write their ideas directly onto the IWB file from whole class or partner discussion. Watch the [Lesson 1 Introduction Video](#) which gives an overview to your class on the project they are about to undertake.

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Main (30 mins)

Each group studies five aspects of politics in detail using **evidence and infographics** from the Lesson 1 resources.

- Political parties
- Constituencies
- Voting
- Parliament
- Making laws

Give each group five minutes to make brief notes, using the **Lesson 1 worksheets**, before moving them onto a new set of evidence. Make this a quick, time limited activity using a timer to keep them on track and focused.

Plenary (20 mins)

Using the IWB file, take the informal quiz with groups working independently to come up with the answers. For each question, give groups time to reach a consensus and write their answer on a whiteboard to be held up when the teacher calls for final answers. Discuss answers.