

Pupil Prime Minister

Project Overview

Welcome to Pupil Prime Minister, a 10 lesson literacy project which uses video as a hook to teach pupils about becoming active UK citizens. Linking literacy strongly to citizenship, with British values threaded throughout, this project gives pupils a unique way to learn about politics, the importance of voting and the value of their voice.

Over the 10 lessons, pupils will be faced with three governmental issues such as Transport or Energy, and will need to develop their own political party's stance on each. They will become experts at:

- persuasive writing
- researching political issues
- speech writing
- public speaking

There are also plenty of opportunities to develop sentence level skills. By the end of the project children will have been guided, using simple filmmaking, to write and create a political party broadcast video. This process is made easy using the Adobe Spark Video app. They will then share their video with the 'voters' in a LitFilmFest assembly!

	Lesson	Content	Literacy
1	What Is Politics?	Research and comprehension of political machinery	Comprehension skills, research skills, note-taking
2	My Political Party	Write and film their introduction to their own political party	Summarising
3	Issue 1	Research a political issue and draft political statement	Research, fact and opinion, persuasive writing.
4	Issue 1	Edit, uplevel and record a voiceover	Editing and upleveling specific sentence level work.
5	Issue 2	Research a political issue and draft political statement	Research, fact and opinion, persuasive writing.
6	Issue 2	Edit, uplevel and record a voiceover	Editing and upleveling specific sentence level work.
7	Issue 3	Research a political issue and draft political statement	Research, fact and opinion, persuasive writing.
8	Issue 3	Edit, uplevel and record a voiceover	Editing and upleveling specific sentence level work.
9	Closing Speech	Draft and write their closing speech	Persuasive writing, speech writing
10	Closing Speech	Edit, rehearse and film closing speech Preparing to share their campaign video	Public speaking and persuasive body language

Pupil Prime Minister Filming and Editing

- Ensure there is enough free memory space on all iPads or tablets and that they are fully charged before filming.
- We recommend filming all your footage first before starting to edit.
- In this project, the class could work in two parties. This means you will end up with two final films rather than 30, which makes the editing process less complex!
- The structure of the final videos will follow this pattern:
 - A short introduction from the party (filmed in class)
 - The party will explain their stance on three political issues (voiceover with pictures)
 - A short closing speech (filmed in class)
- This project could be completed on any video editing app such as Adobe Spark video.
- At the end of the project, the videos can be shown to ‘voters’ in LitFilmFest assembly who can then make a choice about which party wins. Parents, local press or MPs love to hear about and be involved with this sort of thing too! [**Download your free assembly pack**](#) to help share your video at the end of the project.

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