

## Politics Induction Task: Brexit - Disaster or Victory?



### Key Skills

- Research current affairs
- Develop political vocabulary
- Select key facts and evidence
- Construct a critical argument

### Your Task:

Produced a two-sided answer to the question:

**“Is the future brighter for the UK now that they have left the EU?”.**

In your answer you could mention:-

The economic, social and political ramifications (consequences) of the decision to leave the EU

You should aim to write between 750-1250 words. Your answers must not exceed 1250 words

### Your starting point:

This is a classic two-sided question, and you should structure your essay in the following way:

1. Introduction: provide some background to the debate and the referendum but, try to get to the crux (the crucial point) of the argument by defining what a ‘brighter future’ would be, and whether or not leaving the EU will do this Try to construct a criteria for judging the ‘brighter future’ part of the question.
2. Argument in favour: Here you should set out your argument that leaving the EU gives the UK a brighter future
3. Argument against: The counter argument, suggesting that the future is more bleak now that the UK has left the EU

**N.B. you should consider economic, social and political ramifications in separate paragraphs for each argument**

4. Conclusion: Provide a direct answer to the question, based on the evidence available. You might suggest additional evidence which would be required to reach a full conclusion.

Possible Resources: BBC Politics website (and other news websites), the Week, the Economist, the Spectator or Number 10 Downing Street homepage. Any British newspaper, you may consider using broadsheets such as the Telegraph online resources and compare with the coverage in the Guardian or use more tabloid papers such as the Sun and the Mail.

### How you will be assessed:

#### Grade A – Your work will include:

- A carefully structured argument containing persuasive evidence for both viewpoints and culminating in a convincing conclusion.
- Evidence is gathered from a wide range of resources and is selected appropriately to support the argument.
- Your writing should be critical and evaluative e.g. ‘this evidence is important because ...’

#### Grade C – Your work will include:

- Argument is reasonably constructed, and has some balance considering evidence from both points of view. Conclusion may lack depth
- Evidence is gathered from numerous sources but may be imprecisely applied
- May be narrative rather than evaluative. eg. ‘David Cameron did this when he was in office....and then he also did this....’

#### Grade E – Your work will include:

- Argument will be unclear, only one side of the argument considered or none. Any conclusion that is made will be vague and does not accurately address the question
- Little or no evidence gathered
- Writing style will be lacking and will come out more like a list of facts or possibly sweeping general statements about David Cameron or the Tory government

**Plagiarised (copy and pasted) work will not be assessed**

