



# POLITICS STUDIES A LEVEL – SUMMER ASSIGNMENT



When most people think about politics they think about parliament, politicians, elections and so on. But what about the most basic political question: Do we actually need government? If so, does that give the government the right to rule over us? Presumably you were never asked?.

## **TASKS 1**

Watch the video Do We Need Government? and write out answers to the following questions. We will discuss your answers in the first week of the course.

[https://youtu.be/ttu8va9\\_x1g](https://youtu.be/ttu8va9_x1g)

1. What is meant by the 'state of nature'?
2. Explain what Hobbes thought the 'state of nature' would be like. Why did he think this?
3. How did Rousseau's version differ from Hobbes'?
4. What do you think life would be like in the 'state of nature'?
5. Do you think the UK government is legitimate? (You'll need to look up this concept). Explain your answer