

# Citizenship Studies in the News


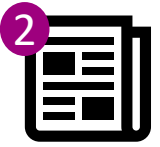


## Edition 15

### About this resource:

Citizenship Studies in the news aims to stimulate discussion for GCSE Citizenship Studies by considering contemporary issues and their relevance to our lives. We have compiled a range of current news articles\* and linked these to the key questions, explored in themes A-D of the specification. You may wish to investigate and integrate into your teaching practice to help contextualise key issues and bring the subject to life!

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Link	Details	Links to Specification
<p>1</p>  <p><a href="#">Theme A article 1</a> <a href="#">Theme A article 2</a></p>	<p>The specification asks us to look at 'The social, economic and other effects of migration to the UK.' In September, Shabana Mahmood was appointed as the Home Secretary after a government reshuffle (more on this in a later edition of Citizenship in the News). Sections of the public have demanded more action on migration to the UK, especially on immigrants who enter the country illegally. In her first major action as Home Secretary, she has announced plans to tighten the rules on illegal immigration and copy a system currently used in Denmark.</p>	<p>Theme A Living Together in the UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Migration and its impact</li> </ul>
<p>2</p>  <p><a href="#">Theme B article</a></p>	<p>In Theme B the specification asks us to look at 'The role of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in budgeting for income, expenditure and debts, managing risks and making decisions about the allocation of public funding.' On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November Rachel Reeves presented her second budget as Chancellor, this received a lot of media attention.</p>	<p>Theme B Democracy in the UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Taxation and government spending</li> </ul>
<p>3</p>  <p><a href="#">Theme C article 1</a> <a href="#">Theme C article 2</a></p>	<p>In this section we are asked about the roles and responsibilities of citizens in the legal system. Jurors are one of the key aspects of this and have been part of the legal system since Magna Carta. A senior judge Lord Devlin once said of juries that a jury is 'the lamp that shows that freedom lives.' David Lammy the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Justice has plans to scrap the bulk of criminal trials which use juries. This has created a tremendous backlash. Two articles here take us through the plans.</p>	<p>Theme C: Law and Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. The justice system in England and Wales</li> </ul>
<p>4</p>  <p><a href="#">Theme D article</a></p>	<p>The Russia Ukraine war continues to be the centre of world news, and this has caused the UK problematic questions for its power and influence in the wider world. On one level it has brought the UK closer to European neighbours but at the same time the war has placed strains on NATO and its role in Europe – this security alliance has been the bedrock of UK defence policy since the end of WWII. This is not an easy conundrum to solve. This article is an excellent investigation of the crossroads faced by Europe and the UK. It reflects on the US decision to limit its commitment in Europe and asks candid questions of whether Europe has the political will to unite against Russia.</p>	<p>Theme D Power and Influence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. The UK's role in the rest of the world</li> </ul>