

What is Politics?

Use the grid below to organise your notes and thoughts about this week's reading, to help address the question, 'what is politics?' For example, use the first box to write about Weber's ideas on power and how it relates to his broader conception of politics. Completing grids like this is one useful way of organising notes and ideas thematically when reading for a literature review or essay. Reading a column vertically gives you notes that you could use for a paragraph summarising the views of a particular author across various themes. Reading a row horizontally gives you the basis for a comparison of authors' views on a specific theme. This comparative approach is likely to be most valuable in producing academic work.

Theme	Text 1	Text 2	Text 3
Power			
Role of the State			

Compromise/ Consensus			
Conflict			
Resource Distribution			