

SOCIOLOGY

Y12 PREP WORK



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BACKGROUND TO THE TOPIC

Welcome to the 'sociology family' at DWHS. This booklet will help you to prepare for the A-Level course by giving a foundation understanding of the subject and the areas you will be learning about in depth over the next two years.

WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of society and of people and their behaviour.

WHAT IS A SOCIETY?

A society is a group of people who share a culture or a way of life. In your A-Level we will be largely focused on British society.

A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY RATIONALE:

In the sociology department we seek to develop within our students an awareness of society and the key issues that affect people who live within it. The subject builds an understanding of inequalities and encourages a love of different cultures and social groups. The ultimate aim is that our students will develop knowledge and empathy that will enable them to make positive contributions to society throughout their lives.

A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY - WHAT TOPICS WILL WE COVER?

Year 12	Introduction to sociology	Research methods	Families and households	Education	Education & revision	Sociological theory
Year 13	Beliefs in society	Beliefs then Crime and deviance	Crime and deviance	Sociological theory	Revision & exam preparation	

Follow the link to access the spec and see what we will study: <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/sociology/specifications/AQA-7191-7192-SP-2015.PDF>

A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY - HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods	+	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology	+	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
Assessed • 2 hour written exam • 80 marks • 33.3% of A-level		Assessed • 2 hour written exam • 80 marks • 33.3% of A-level		Assessed • 2 hour written exam • 80 marks • 33.3% of A-level
Questions • Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks • Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks • Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks		Questions • Section A: Families and Households extended writing, 40 marks • Section B: Beliefs in Society extended writing, 40 marks		Questions • Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks • Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks

TASKS TO COMPLETE BEFORE BEGINNING THE COURSE

TASK 1

Watch the following clip and write down 5 things you learn about Sociology:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio>

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TASK 2

Read the article and write down the 5 top tips for new A-Level Sociology students:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/blog/5-top-tips-for-new-alevel-sociology-students>

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TASK 3

Watch the video and answer the following questions: <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/sociological-perspectives-introduction-to-sociology>

1. What are sociological perspectives?

2. How do perspective differ in viewing society?

3. What are structural theories?

4. What are conflict & consensus theories?

5. What are social action theories?

TASK 4

Read the article and write down 3 things you did not know about Black British History: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/newsbeat-52939694>

1.

2.

3.

Then answer the following Q: do you think we only learn about 'White history' in school?

TASK 5

Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKq8MqrU8>

Then answer the following Qs:

1. What is the gender pay gap?
2. Why might a gender pay gap exist?
3. Do you think the gender pay gap is acceptable? Justify your answer.

TASK 6

Use the following to find a news story which relates to sociology.

Write a short summary and bring this to your first lesson:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>



EXTRA LEARNING

Films & documentaries:

Families topic:

- Secret Life of 4 and 5 Year olds: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-secret-life-of-4-and-5-year-olds/episode-guide/>
- The Family BBC 1974 Documentary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZArtrC5rpVs>
- 16 Kids and Counting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o_wfxuRO_sY
- The Men With Many Wives (Polygamy Documentary) | Real Stories: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxU5Xhyljus>

Education topic:

- Poor Kids BBC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvoV8Bnlbhm>
- Grammar schools: who will get in? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0b57yst>
- BBC panorama: the best days: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tImx5Ktxbpl>
- Pro Green – White working class men: <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/professor-green-working-class-white-men/on-demand/64980-001>
- Cutting Edge -Too poor for posh school (2010): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWYaoWPdUOI>
- [Gender Neutral Education | Can Our Kids Go Gender Free | Real Families - YouTube](#)
- Subnormal: A British Scandal: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000w81h>

Beliefs topic:

- Amish – A Secret Life: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2hun34>
- Richard Dawkins – Enemies of Reason: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Daqofc-PXtY>
- The Story of God with Morgan Freeman (Netflix)
- Louis Theroux – Westborough Baptist Church: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007cluf>
- Inside a Cult a Messiah on trial (Netflix)
- Enlighten Us (Netflix)
- Millionaire Preacher: <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x2wiwrx>
- The End Of The World Cult: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MOxf2Hdxo6o>

Crime and deviance topic:

- Bullet Boy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAat5uaVn28>
- Dangerous dogs – Professor Green: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3FYFQ3jc-1U>
- Profit Pollution and Deception BP and the Oil Spill BBC Documentary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zGFuzMMO9w>
- Lawful Killing Mark Duggan – BBC <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e12dQLUDuXY>
- The House I Live In (war on drugs): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01pzz69>
- Reggie Yates – Teen gangs: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0GBbLHnt2M>
- One Night in Bhopal: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0GBbLHnt2M>

WIDER READING

Wider reading:

- Chavs – Owen Jones The Establishment and how they get away with it – Owen Jones
- Gang leader for a day – Sudhir Vankatesh
- The spirit level – Wilkinson and Pickett
- A Glasgow gang observed – James Patrick
- Sociological imagination – C Wright Mills
- McMafia – Misha Glenny
- Poverty Safari – Darren McGarvey
- Why I am no longer talking to white people about race – Reno Eddo-Lodge
- Natives – Akala
- Ain't no black in the Union Jack – Paul Gilroy
- Living dolls, the return of sexism – Natasha Walter
- Policing the crisis – Stuart Hall
- Communist manifesto – Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels
- The ragged trousered philanthropists – Robert Tressell
- State and revolution – Lenin
- Child of Sanchez – Oscar Lewis
- How to argue with a racist – Adam Rutherford
- Selections from the prison notebooks – Antonio Gramsci
- What Britain Did to Nigeria: A Short History of Conquest and Rule – Max Siollun

Recommended websites:

The most useful websites to help you with studying A-Level sociology are:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>
- <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>
- <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/>
- <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>
- <https://app.senecalearning.com/classroom/course/73653830-65a6-11e8-9923-5d9eaf994fae/section/86525a58-e97d-4ca8-a01a-fc1027042be0/session>