

Year 12 Sociology Summer Task

The following programme is designed to prepare you for A level Sociology for the following topics:

Education

Families and Households

Beliefs in Society

Crime and Deviance

Sociological Theory and Research Methods

Aim to complete all sections of the programme to ensure that you have a thorough understanding of the background for all topics. It is suggested that you complete a task each week. Suggested website links are included.

Task	Topic	Task set	Complete
1	What is Sociology?	<p>Watch the video clip on YouTube: What is Sociology? Crash Course Sociology https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio and make notes on what you understand about Sociology.</p> <p>Find the definitions for the following key sociological terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Socialisation (primary socialisation and secondary socialisation)• Norms• Values• Beliefs• Culture• Social Class• Gender• Ethnicity	

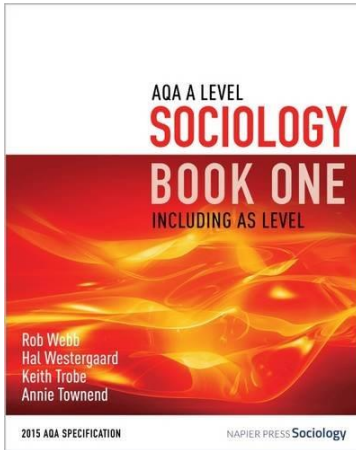
2	Main Sociological Theories	<p>A theory, for our purpose, is something that explains the relationship between two or more things. A perspective can be defined as a way of looking at and seeing something. To have a perspective, therefore, means to look at something (whatever that thing might be) in a particular way. When we talk about the sociological perspective, therefore, we are talking about the particular way those sociologists, as opposed to non-sociologists to try to understand human social behaviour.</p> <p>Use the internet to find out about the main sociological theories. For each one explain the main idea and concepts and the key sociologists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functionalism • Marxism • Feminism • Action Theories • Postmodernism • Which sociological perspective do you agree with? Why? <p>The YouTube channel below is good for summaries of the main theories: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKWkZAnGA https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/ https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/group/theory-methods-key-terms</p>	
3	Education	<p>Research the History of Education in the UK and answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did education become compulsory in the UK? • Prior to compulsory education, what were the differences in who used to receive schooling? • What are the oldest and newest subjects? • How have the methods of dealing with behaviour changed over time? • What are some of the major changes that have taken place in UK education in the 20th and 21st centuries? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider the impact of the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Education Act 1944 (Tripartite System) ■ Comprehensives 1966 ■ Education Reform Act 1988 • Your personal view on – what is the role and purpose of education? <p>https://www.schoolsmith.co.uk/history-of-education/ https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-notes/social-policy-and-education</p>	
4	Family	<p>Find the definitions for the following key family terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monogamy • Bigamy 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polygamy • Maternal • Nuclear family • Empty nest • Empty shell marriage • Extended family • Kinship • Cohabitation <p>Research the changing family in the UK and answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the family structure changed over the past 100 years? • How have the following policies affected the family? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Divorce Act 1969 and 1984 ○ The Paternity Act 2010 ○ The Civil partnerships Act 2004 and the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act 2013 <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zi8qn39/revision/2 https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/</p>	
5	Crime	<p>Using the internet, research the answers to the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a crime? • What is deviance? • What are laws? • What is a white collar crime? • Moral crimes include offences such as prostitution, underage drinking and illegal drug use. Why do some people argue that such crimes are 'victimless'? • What is cybercrime? Name some examples of cybercrimes. • What is a hate crime? • What do you think is more effective in reducing crime: crime prevention or harsher punishments? <p>https://www.coursehero.com/sg/introduction-to-sociology/defining-crime-in-sociology/</p> <p>Go on the following website and research crime in your area or the area near your school. https://www.crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode/AL10%208NL and answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does most crime take place? • What are the top 3 crimes/offences? • Why do you think that those crimes are committed in your area? Think about socio-economic issues and location. 	
Equipment you need for Year 12	<p>Step 1: Purchase a lever arch folder</p> <p>You will need a folder of this size to be able to hold all of your material for the year. Anything smaller than this will not be enough.</p>		

Step 2: Purchase dividers

This is so we can separate each topic, making revision easier for you

Step 3: Purchase a pad of lined paper with a margin



Ideally, your notebook should have pages that you can take out. Students are encouraged to file their notes away regularly to keep all of their information in one place (your folder).

Step 4: Purchase a textbook

The core text that we use during the first year of sociology is:

AQA A Level Sociology Book 1 by Robb Webb, Hal Westergaard, Keith Trobe, Annie Townend