

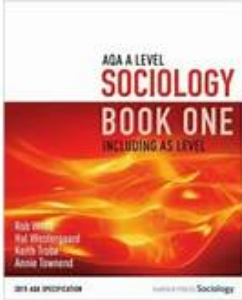
Preparation for A Level Sociology.

In preparation for the start of your A Level Sociology course in September you need to do preliminary research of key terms, theories and the course you will be studying. You will also need to familiarise yourself with the textbook used during lessons.

Practical elements first:

Course we study: AQA A Level Sociology (course code: 7192) www.aqa.org.uk

Course textbook: AQA A Level Sociology Book One (ISBN 978-0-9540079-1-1)



If you know that you are definitely interested in A Level Sociology, I would highly recommend that you purchase your own copy of this book. These preliminary tasks are design to be completed without this book but you will be required to use the website linked to the textbook - which is www.sociology.uk.net



Task One - preparing your folder.

You need to buy a Lever Arch Folder with divider. Then organise it into the following sections:

- Introduction to Sociology.
- Families and Households.
- Education.
- Research methods
- Specification and Past Papers

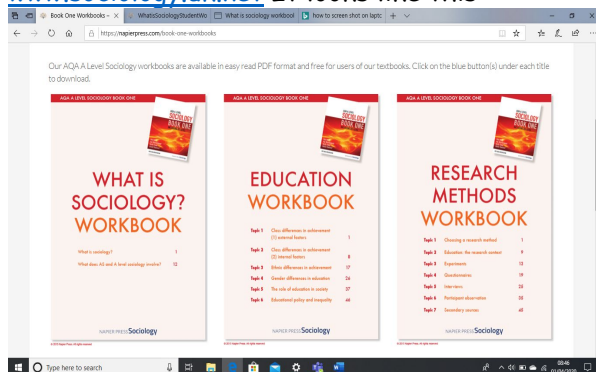


As a part of this task you need to find out about the sociology specification you will be studying - AQA Sociology 7192. Go onto the AQA website and find the A Level specification for this course and print off details of what you will study and how you will be examined.



Task Two - What is Sociology?

For this task you must download a copy of the "What is Sociology?" workbook from www.sociology.uk.net It looks like this:



If you have the textbook, then you can complete all the tasks onto your pdf copy.

If you do not have the textbook, you can complete ALL tasks in yellow, as well as the research tasks on page 4 (these are marked as Research activities).

These activities are explained in more detail on these

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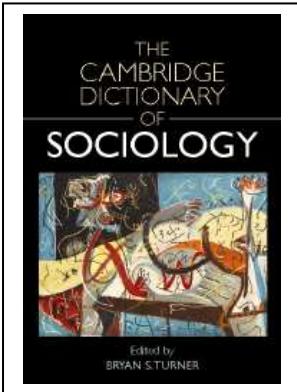
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A summary of your research can be written up onto page 4



Task Three - glossary of key terms.

Create your own glossary of important sociological terms and put this at the front of your folder. Find out the meanings of the following key sociological terms:



1. Values
2. Norms
3. Culture
4. Custom
5. Status
6. Socialisation
7. Society
8. Social order
9. Consensus
10. Conflict
11. Identity
12. Ideology
13. Capitalism
14. Meritocratic
15. Labelling theory
16. Social action theory
17. Postmodernism
18. Underclass
19. Patriarchy
20. Ethnicity

You will be tested on these terms in the first weeks of the autumn term.



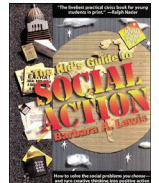
Task Four - research task on sociological theory.

This task aims to get you familiar with key sociological theories.



Structuralists believe that the world (society) influences individuals. For example, your experience of family life or the education you received, ultimately has been influenced directly by people in - the rich, government etc. THEORIES INCLUDE FUNCTIONALISM, FEMINISM, NEW RIGHT AND MARXISM

Social Action theorists believe that the individuals help to shape and mould society. For example, the grades you get at GCSE are based on the interaction you have with your teacher. THEORIES INCLUDE SYMBOLIC INTERACTIONISM, ETHNOMETHODOLOGY, PHENOMENOLOGY AND STRUCTURATION THESIS



Finally, one group of sociologists reject the views of the above groups. They believe that society has shifted and changed - meaning that "old" theories are no longer valid. THESE THEORISTS ARE KNOWN AS POSTMODERNISTS

For this task you must produce an information sheet on:

- One structural theory
- One social action theory
- Postmodern theory

This information sheet must include the following pieces of information:

- Key sociologists
- Key elements of the theory - including relevant terms
- An example of when this theory has been used to explain apart of society (i.e. crime, family, education, media, beliefs etc)
- Problems linked with this theory

This site has useful activities to help you with this task <https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level>

PLEASE PRINT OUT ALL YOUR PRELIMINARY WORK FOR FIRST DAY

EXTENSION TASK: Our first major unit is Education. You can download the Education Workbook (seen on previous page from www.sociology.uk.net) or go to the student activities page (Book one) and start to complete activities on education.