

Preparation for A Level Sociology.



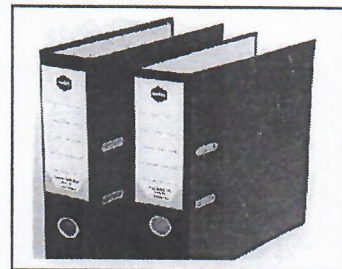
In preparation for the start of your A Level Sociology course in September over the summer you need to do some preliminary research of key terms. Using the appropriate sociological language is an essential tool in achieving the highest grades at Sociology.



Task One - preparing your folder.

You need to buy a Lever Arch Folder with dividers. Then organise it into the following sections (these are Year One Topics):

- a. Introduction to Sociology.
- b. Families and Households.
- c. Education.
- d. Research methods

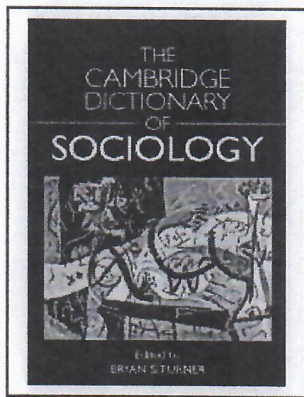


As a part of this task you need to find out about the sociology specification you will be studying - AQA Sociology 7192. Go onto the AQA website and find the A Level specification for this course and print off details of what you will study and how you will be examined.



Task Two - glossary of key terms.

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



Task Three - your view of society.

The final task is to decide the type of sociologist you are. Broadly sociologists fall into two camps:



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 the institutions in it - the rich, the government, etc.

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.



Explain in a short speech which viewpoint you most agree with. Don't forget to explain why.