

Step up to A-Level Sociology

This is a menu of tasks to help you get ready to study Sociology at A-Level. Try to choose a 'balanced diet' of activities each week to ensure variety in your learning. Keep your completed work organised in a folder so that you can submit your transition work during your first Sociology lesson.



Short Video Clips

Each of these clips offers context for the course. Write down any key details they reveal or inferences you can make from them. List questions the clips raise that you would like to understand more about (aim for 3)? **(Choose what interest you the most)**

Louis Theroux

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/group/p06k7x37>



The real roots of youth violence

[\(7\) The real roots of youth violence | Craig Pinkney | TEDxBrum - YouTube](#)



Boys to men: Myth and masculinity

[\(7\) Boys to men -- myth and masculinity | John Varieur | TEDxLongwood - YouTube](#)



Longer Video Clips, Films or Documentaries

These videos will get you thinking even more about sociological issues. Select one video, record the key points of context or information that you found significant, alongside 5 subsequent questions that the video has spawned.

A class divided: Education

Britain's poorest kids

Education: School swap

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mcCLmLwpE>



[\(7\) Britain's Poorest Kids \(Poverty Documentary\) | Real Stories - YouTube](#)



[\(7\) Posh Kids Go To State School | School Swap: The Class Divide E1 | Our Stories - YouTube](#)



Programmes and Podcasts

There are a huge array of sociological radio programmes and podcasts available. If you do not have a podcast app, or cannot sign in to BBC Sounds, this would be your first thing to remedy. Below are a few stretching and informative programmes for you to enjoy. Make notes on ½ page of A4 about what you have learnt about the topic of each programme and which opinions you agree with and why

Gender Equality?

[The gender revolution: uneven and stalled | University of Oxford Podcasts](#)



Racial segregation in school?

[School Racial Composition and Racial Preferences for Friends among Adolescents | University of Oxford Podcasts](#)



A mix of sociological ideas:

[Reasons to be Cheerful with Ed Miliband & Geoff Lloyd - Hosted by Cheerful \(acast.com\)](#)



Questions to Consider

The questions below are designed to get you thinking more broadly about some of the underlying issues within the course we study in Year 12. Choose a question and try discussing it with somebody else. Then write 500 words exploring different possible responses and explaining your own opinions.

Is the British Education system fair for all? Is religion still relevant to contemporary life?

Does ineffective socialisation cause criminal behaviour?

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Debate

Task: Read the linked page (and links on the page) regarding the origins of Sociology and complete activities below. [What is sociology? | The British Academy](#)

Why is Sociology important?

Make two points about the gender pay gap.

What is the correlation between social class and life expectancy? Why



Books and Other Longer Reads

These books are excellent introductions to the themes we study in Sociology

Chavs

By Owen Jones

Living dolls: The return of sexism

By Natasha Walter

The beauty myth

By Naomi Wolf

