

A Level Sociology Introduction Project 2021-22



This research based project is designed to give you an ideal grounding for your A Level Sociology course.

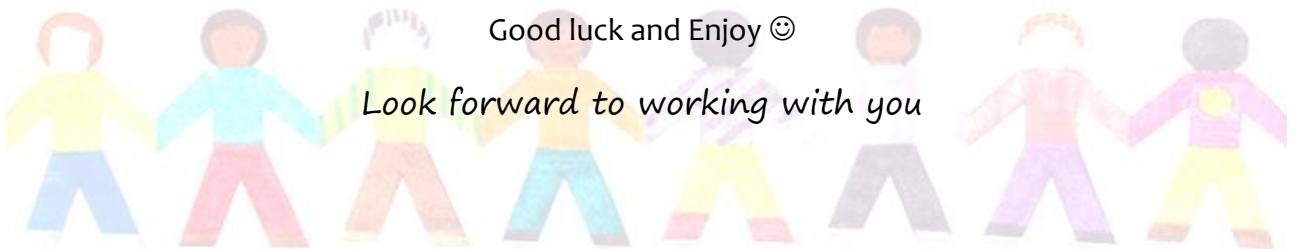
Research and complete the tasks independently over the next few weeks to prepare for the key topics within A-Level Sociology.

Present the tasks in any format you like and remember to post your summaries online via Twitter (follow us on @BirchwoodSociol). If you don't like Twitter you can place your summaries in Teams.

If you have any questions please let me know via Teams

Good luck and Enjoy ☺

Look forward to working with you





Course overview:

This is a linear course which means you will study the full A Level Specification over Year 12 and 13 and then sit the three A Level exams at the end of Year 13.

Getting organised

In practical terms, you will need a few things:-

1. Four files across Year 12 and Yr13 (one for Education, Beliefs, Family and Households, Crime and Deviance).
2. Several dividers for each folder.
3. Plastic wallets for sheets that cannot (or that you do not want to) hole-punch
4. Packs of lined paper

You should ensure you regularly watch the news and keep up with contemporary issues in society. This will help you with discussions in class, contributing to the teams chat and give you a wider understanding of why Sociology is important!

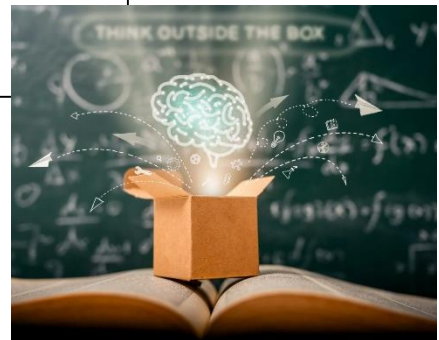
Topics



Paper 1:

Education and methods

1. Why do girls do better than boys at school?
2. Why are ethnic minorities at a disadvantage in education?
3. How does school prepare you for the workplace?
4. Is school an equal and fair institution?



Paper 2:

Family and households and Beliefs in society

1. What is a 'family'?
2. Is the family an equal and safe space?
3. How is childhood different across the world?
4. Does religion oppress women?
5. Is the UK now secular?



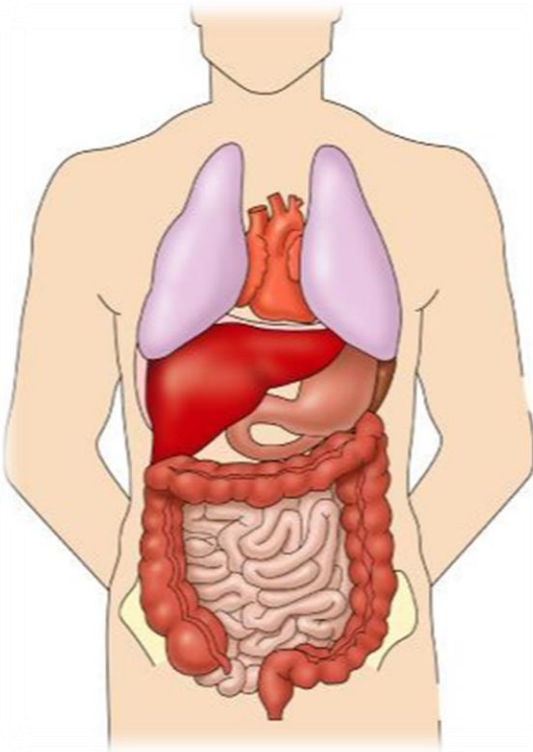
Paper 3:

Crime and deviance and theory and methods

1. Why do people commit crime?
2. Who is the main perpetrator of crime?
3. How do sociologists conduct their research?
4. Is Sociology a science?



Task 1: Functional Functionalists...

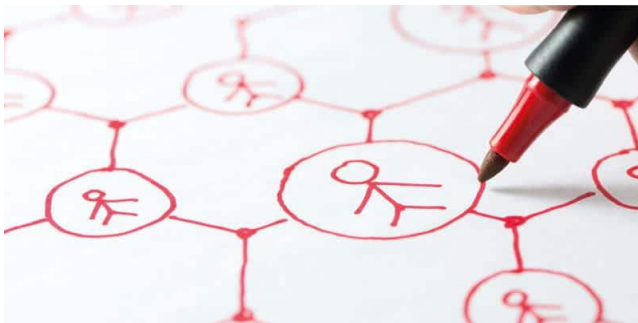


1. Research Functionalism and produce a fact sheet answering the following:

A) What is the 'organic analogy'

B) Explain what the function is of these institutions: the police, education and the family. Why are they good for society?

C) What do you think would happen if each of these institutions malfunctioned or did not exist?



Summary
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Task 2: Fiery Feminists...



1. Watch the YouTube clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E37swnRU2fs>, use this and any further research to help you create a fact file on the following:

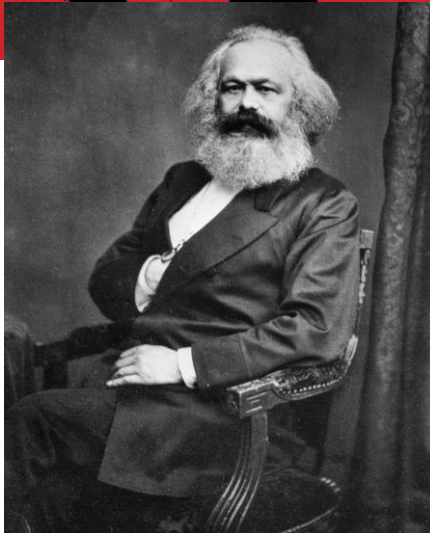
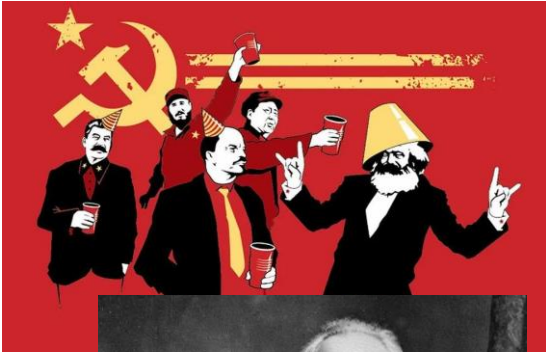


- A) What is Feminism?**
- B) Define the term patriarchy**
- C) Give examples of how society is unequal between men and women**
- D) Why are some people not Feminists?**
- E) Do you agree with Feminists? Why/why not?**



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Task 3: Marxists...



1. Watch the YouTube video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhU57_nP3zM and create a fact file on Marxism answering the following:

A) Marxism argues there is conflict in society, but between who?

B) How do Marxists think powerful groups use the education and legal system to their advantage?

C) Research statistics on poverty and wealth

D) Do you believe there is class inequality in society? Give reason for your answer.



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Useful Resources & Further Reading

To help you on your way...

Websites:

- AQA New Specification –
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/introduction>
- AQA - Example Assessment Material -
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources>
- S-Cool Revision Materials -
<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology>
- Every Day Sexism Project -
<http://everydaysexism.com/index.php/about>
- Who Needs Feminism -
<http://whoneedsfeminism.com/about.html>
- Tutor2u videos <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/>

Youtube Videos:

- Emma Watson Addresses the UN
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6XTx2Rg04g>

Books:

