

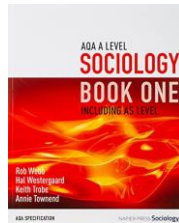
Sociology starter for 12

Welcome to the start of your A-Level in Sociology!

There are so many factors that will lead to you being a success, the most important one is that you keep up to date with current issues in the news.

Remember *sociology is everywhere*

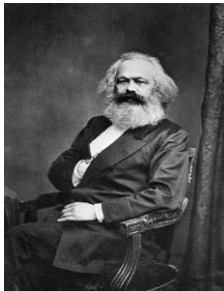
Please buy the core textbook: AQA A Level Sociology Book 1



Task 1:

Research and write half-page biographies of the following sociologists:

Karl Marx



Emile Durkheim



Task 2:

- Define the following sociological key terms and write them in a sentence:
- Nature
- Nurture
- Culture
- Norms
- Values
- Primary Socialisation
- Secondary Socialisation
- Social Class
- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity

Task 3:

In year 12 you will learn about Education, Family, Theories and Methods. Complete the following activities:

1. Read a newspaper article on either the Family *or* Education and write a short paragraph to summarise the main point of the article.
2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements? Make sure you justify your response:
 - Children who grow up in families with two parents are more successful as adults than children that grow up in single parent families.
 - People should have to pass a test before they are allowed to become parents.
 - Girls work harder at school than boys.
 - A student's social class is the most important factor in determining their exam results.
 - Private schools should be abolished.
 - Schools are no longer necessary as we can learn everything we need to on the internet.
 - Couples are equal within the household (both share responsibilities).
 - The definition of family has changed over time.
 - We can choose our family.
 - Marriage has become less popular in society.
 - Experiences of childhood have changed since the last 10 years.
3. Write a response to the following question: How do you think education will be different in:
a) 10 years b) 100 years

Optional Extras:

Podcasts to listen to:

- Malcolm Gladwell: Revisionist Histories (General sociology)
- The Trojan Horse Affair (Education)
- Nice White Parents (Education and Family)

Documentaries to watch:

- Alice and her six dads (Family)
- One man, six wives, 29 children (Family)
- 112 Weddings (Family)
- Britain's Strictest Headmistress (Education)
- Educating East End (Education)
- The Pygmalion Effect and the Power of Positive Expectations (Education)

Please make sure these tasks are completed and handed in to Ms. Hill or Ms. Olasimbo in your first lesson. Have a fantastic summer (you deserve it) and see you in September!

