

A Level Sociology
Summer Homework

Task 1: Key Words

There are certain **key terms** that are *essential* to being able to access the course. Research the definitions of the following words and learn these.

Key Word	Definition
Sociology	
Sociologist	
Social Institutions	
Norms	
Values	
Sanctions	
Social Control	
Primary Socialisation	
Secondary Socialisation	
Capitalism	
Patriarchy	
Value Consensus	
Bourgeoisie	
Proletariat	

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Task 2: Research

You need to research TWO different CULTURES and fill out the following table. In the left hand column are some ideas to compare the two cultures.

- Try to use two very different cultures to make the discussion more interesting.
- For example, you might decide to look at the UK and China.
- You are free to make your own table and add as much detail as you wish.

	Culture 1:	Culture 2:
Gender roles		
Education system		
Crime rates/Types of crime		
Religion		
Family types/Structure/ Roles		
Childhood experience/ Number of children per family/Age of sexual consent/Age allowed to work		
Patterns of health/ill health		
Music/Styles/Preference/ Genres		

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Food and diet		
Leisure/Activities/ Theatre/ Cinema		
Other examples?		

Questions:

1. What was the most interesting cultural difference that you noted?
2. Are there any cultural differences that we have missed out?
3. How do we learn culture?

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Task 3: Presentation

We can improve our Sociological knowledge through what we see and hear. Pretty much everything you watch or listen to will have some Sociological themes as everything relates to the Society around us.

In your second lesson, you will be given a 5-minute presentation slot to share a series, film, news story, documentary, or podcast that you have accessed over the summer and the key takeaways you took from it.

Your presentation will be on a table with a small group of other students (not to the whole class) and you will each take turns. You should bring something visual with you for your table to look at also – this could be PowerPoint slides, or a poster/storyboard that you can talk through.

Success Criteria

Your presentation should include the following:

1. A synopsis/summary of the piece. What were the main themes and ideas?
2. What Sociological ideas came up as you were watching. Can you relate it to...
 - Gender
 - Education
 - Family
 - Crime
 - Media
 - Religion
 - Stereotypes/labels
 - Inequalities
3. Choose a particular clip that stood out to you and quote this or add in as a video/audio. Discuss in detail – what did you take from it? Did it surprise you?
4. What did it teach you about society? Did it change any preconceived ideas or assumptions you held?
5. Pose a debate question to your table that has been inspired by the watch/listen. *For example, do you think the education system is set up in a way that everyone has an opportunity to thrive?* Leave a minute to discuss this.