

AS and A-level Sociology

AS Sociology:

Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context

Paper 2: Research methods and Family and Households

A-level Sociology:

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Family and Households and Beliefs in society

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

Tasks to help you prepare for A-level Sociology

1. Education is a key determining factor into a person's future success and life chances.
 - a. Research differences in educational achievement – which groups do better and why might this be?
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education/about/statistics>
 - b. Private schools are a hotly debated issue. What do you think of them? Should they be abolished?
<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/jan/13/public-schools-david-kynaston-francis-green-engines-of-privilege>
2. Sociologists study social theory e.g. Marxism, Feminism, Functionalism, New Right, Postmodernism and the Personal Life Perspective.
 - a. Research each theory – which do you think you agree with the most and why?
 - b. Is society fair and equal? Should it be? Is there a difference between being 'fair' and 'equal'?
3. Crime is a social problem and a very complex one.
 - a. Watch Channel 4's documentary series 'Prison' for further insight into the causes of crime, who it affects and how it is dealt with.
 - b. This website can provide an up-to-date, realistic account of prison and prison life in the UK:
<http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/>
4. Social inequality underpins almost everything studied in Sociology. The following documentaries and films will give some insight into the discussions we will have and what you will be studying.
 - a. Netflix: Hello, Privilege - It's Me, Chelsea
 - b. Netflix: American Son
 - c. Les Misérables
 - d. The Black Mirror series
 - e. Hotel Rwanda
 - f. Rich house, poor house