

## Independent Scholarship Award: A Level Sociology

Bronze (Must Be Completed)	Silver	Gold
<p><b>What is Sociology?</b> Watch the video on YouTube: What is Sociology? Crash Course Sociology <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio</a> and make notes on what you understand about Sociology. Find the definitions for the following key sociological terms: • Socialisation (primary socialisation and secondary socialisation) • Norms • Values • Beliefs • Culture • Social Class • Gender • Ethnicity • Sexuality</p> <p><b>Education</b> Research the History of Education in the UK and answer the following Qs: • When did education become compulsory in the UK? • Prior to compulsory education, what were the differences in who used to receive schooling? • How have the methods of dealing with behaviour changed over time? • What are some of the major changes that have taken place in UK education in the 20th and 21st centuries? ◦ Consider the impact of the following policies: ♣ Education Act 1944 (Tripartite System) ♣ Comprehensives 1966 ♣ Education Reform Act 1988 • Your personal view on education – what is the role and purpose of education? <a href="https://www.schoolsmith.co.uk/history-of-education/">https://www.schoolsmith.co.uk/history-of-education/</a> <a href="https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-notes/social-policy-and-education">https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-notes/social-policy-and-education</a></p> <p><b>Family</b> Find the definitions for the following key family terms: • Monogamy • Bigamy • Polygamy • Maternal • Nuclear family • Empty nest • Empty shell marriage • Extended family • Kinship • Cohabitation Research the changing family in the UK and answer the following questions: • How has the family structure changed over the past 100 years? • How have the following policies affected the family? ◦ The Divorce Act 1969 and 1984 ◦ The Paternity Act 2010 ◦ The Civil partnerships Act 2004 and the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act 2013 <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zj8qn39/revision/2">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zj8qn39/revision/2</a> <a href="https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/">https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/</a></p> <p><b>Sociology is everywhere</b> Search for some of the following titles and make notes on any videos you watch, try to keep it relevant to the topics taught in Sociology (Education, Families, Stratification and Differentiation, Crime and Deviance). ◦ Stacey Dooley documentaries (BBC iplayer/YouTube) ◦ Black Mirror (Netflix) – Nosedive episode ◦ School Swap documentary(4OD) ◦ Louis Theroux documentaries(Netflix) ◦ Dispatches documentaries (4OD) ◦ Panorama documentaries (BBC iplayer) • What did you learn about society? • How does the programme link to the topics you will be studying?</p>	<p><b>Education and Families in the News</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the definition of meritocracy.</li> <li>• Read the following news article <a href="https://www.tes.com/news/fewone-20-born-poorest-areas-go-university">https://www.tes.com/news/fewone-20-born-poorest-areas-go-university</a> and answer the following Qs:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Does this article suggest we live in a meritocracy?</li> <li>◦ Why is it important that ‘poor’ students go to university?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Find 5 news articles that link to Education and/or Families. Download and either print them or briefly summarise them. Some things to look out for are: immigration, poverty, benefits, exam results, private education, achievement, free schools. (Try these websites <a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Sociology">https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Sociology</a> <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/education/sociology">https://www.theguardian.com/education/sociology</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Stratification and Differentiation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the meanings of both stratification and differentiation.</li> <li>• Research the following key thinkers in Stratification and Differentiation. These thinkers reappear throughout the Sociology course.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Karl Marx ◦ Émile Durkheim ◦ Kate Millet ◦ Anthony Giddens</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prepare summary sheet on each of the thinkers, identifying the following: ◦ Name ◦ Period of time their work was published ◦ Major works ◦ Summary of their sociological approach and thoughts.</li> </ul> <p><b>Crime and Deviance</b> Using the internet, research the answers to the following questions: • What is a crime? • What is deviance? • What are laws? • What is a white collar crime? • Moral crimes include offences such as prostitution, underage drinking and illegal drug use. Why do some people argue that such crimes are ‘victimless’? • What is cybercrime? Name some examples of cybercrimes. • What is a hate crime? • What do you think is more effective in reducing crime: crime prevention or harsher punishments? <a href="https://www.coursehero.com/sg/introduction-to-sociology/definingcrime-in-sociology/">https://www.coursehero.com/sg/introduction-to-sociology/definingcrime-in-sociology/</a> Go on the following website and research crime in your area or the area near your school. <a href="https://www.crimestatistics.co.uk/postcode/AL10%208NL">https://www.crimestatistics.co.uk/postcode/AL10%208NL</a> and answer the following questions: Where does most crime take place? • What are the top 3 crimes/offences? • Why do you think that those crimes are committed in your area? Think about socio-economic issues and location.</p>	<p><b>Future Learn course</b> – What is Sociology? 3 week course <a href="https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/what-is-sociology">https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/what-is-sociology</a></p> <p>OR <b>collect evidence</b> on some of the following: Other sources of information/ways to develop you sociological understanding of local, regional, national and global issues: • BBC News • ‘Thinking aloud’ Radio 4 podcast • Twitter #sociology • Panorama • Read a range of different newspapers • Social media</p> <p>OR <b>extra reading</b> (these are examples) • Gang Leader for a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh • Watching the English: The Hidden Rules of English Behaviour by Kate Fox • Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class by Owen Jones • Animal Farm by George Orwell • Lord of the Flies by William Golding • We Should All Be Feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</p>