



Summer Tasks July 2019

Summer Task Title / Instructions:

Introduction to theory and methods

- 1) Complete the readings on Positivism and Interpretivism and create a detailed set of notes on this.
- 2) Use the reading and your research skills to complete the glossary sheet. Make sure you also answer whether the concept best fits with the Positivist or Interpretivist approach.
- 3) Complete the second glossary sheet for theory and methods – these concepts are general theory and methods concepts so you don't have to link them to a specific approach.
- 4) Choose two documentaries from the list provided and write a review of each using the guidance.
- 5) Conduct some research on the following theories:
 - a. Functionalism
 - b. Marxism
 - c. Feminism

Create a summary profile for each, including **at least** the following:

- Theoretical view on Education
- Theoretical views on Families and Households
- Theoretical view on Crime and Deviance
- Theoretical views on Religion
- 2 potential weaknesses of the theory – fully explained.

General advice

You can either print this off and hand write your work or fill it in on the computer and print it off. Either way, make sure it is an attractive piece of work. First impressions matter!!

You will not necessarily find all the words on the glossaries in the reading. This is because you need to conduct additional reading and research. Make sure you use a variety of books (see below) and trusted internet sites.

*All work **MUST** be handed in at the start of your very first Sociology lesson. If you do not have it, the teacher will send you away. This means that it **needs to be already printed, not on a USB or your N drive**. Make sure your name is on all pieces of paper and stapled together (where possible).*

You need to come to your first Sociology lesson prepared with a lever arch folder, dividers and necessary stationary – NO EXCUSES!!

Any problems email Miss Fletcher (Head of Social Science)

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Suggested Additional Reading:

- AQA A Level Sociology book 1 (2015 Specification) – Webb, Westergaard, Trobe, Townsend
- AQA A Level Sociology book 2 (2015 specification) – Webb, Westedgaard, Trobe, Townsend
- Sociology Themes and Perspectives – Haralambos and Holborn
- Sociology for AQA, Vol. 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level – Ken Browne
- Sociology for AQA, Vol. 1: AS and 2nd-Year A Level – Ken Browne
- Any other relevant Sociological book
- Relevant online Articles (Must be trusted sites – Please reference these)
- Sociology Review
- Quality newspapers - (Times, Mail, Guardian, etc.)
- Office for National Statistics - <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>