

Yea r1 Sociology

An introduction to Sociology



Student workbook

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Teacher:

3. How is Sociology different from Psychology?

4. How is Sociology similar to Anthropology?

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6. What are the major themes that sociologists study? Give at least 5.

7. What types of research methods do sociologists use to study society?

8. What can you do with a sociological degree?



Task 3: Key sociological theories and perspectives

1. As the article above explained, there are various different sociological theories and perspectives. Each sociological perspective is different. For example, the functionalists believe that society is fair and every institution works together to make society function, whereas the Marxists believe that society is unfair and that institutions such as the education and judicial system oppress the poor and stop them from becoming successful.



Research each theory mentioned below. In the boxes summarise their key ideas. A good place to start is <http://www.sociology.org.uk/revgper1.pdf>

Functionalism

Marxism

Liberal feminism

Radical feminism

Interactionism

Task 4- Do we live in a postmodern society?

Another theory is Postmodernism.. Postmodernism believes that all old theories are no longer relevant because they were only relevant in a modern society, but they believe we are in a whole new society... a postmodern society.

Read up on post modernity and brainstorm what a postmodern society looks like. Use images to illustrate your ideas.



Task 5: Debates in sociology

In sociology we have lots of debates. There is no right or wrong answer, but as a sociologist it is your job to look for evidence for both sides of the argument and then make a judgement.

"Men and women are equal in society today". Find evidence for and against this statement today. Use newspapers, the internet, films and books as evidence.



Arguments for	Arguments against

From the evidence you have gathered, do you agree with this statement? Fully justify your answers.

Task 5: Key terms



Below are some key terms that you must know when you start Sociology in September. Define the key terms below. Make sure you explain your definitions and give examples to strengthen where possible.

Term	Definition
Theory	
Social institution	
Consensus	
Conflict	
Organic analogy	
Primary socialisation	
Secondary socialisation	
Culture	
Patriarchy	
Capitalism	
Communism	

Task 6: Optional additional activities to develop sociological understanding

As you now know, psychology is all around us. That means that there is lots you can do to develop your psychological understanding.

The tasks below are optional- I do not expect you to complete these but they will help you with your studies and you may wish to complete some of the tasks below over the summer.

Have a look in a sociology review magazine and write a summary of an article you have read.
Watch a film with a sociological theme (e.g. Elysium, Prayers for Bobby, Selma, Girlhood, Kidhood, Mean Girls, Jesus Camp, and Catfish) and make a simple fact sheet on it (story, actors, opinion on film).
Watch a TV programme with sociological content. Record channel and date and main topics discussed (e.g. family, education, crime and deviance, gender, religion, science)
Construct a model using recyclable material, to demonstrate a theory, model or process (Marxism, functionalism, feminism etc)
Produce a power point about a psychological explanation of an aspect of psychology, e.g. Marxism, feminism, functionalism
Research a key sociologists and find out 10 facts about them e.g. Karl Marx, Emile Durkheim, Ann Oakley, Max Weber

Useful websites:

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology>

<https://revisesociology.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.socresonline.org.uk/welcome.html>



