



# The Bridge to Post-16 Summer Work



## SOCIOLOGY AQA

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to embark on your Post-16 course in Sociology in September.

It should be completed throughout the remainder of the Summer term and over the Summer Holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

**You MUST have this pack completed before your first lesson in the subject**

The resources include:

1. Links to three websites where you can research the topics you will be exploring in the course and get a flavour of what you will be learning about in Post-16
2. Research task on key pre-knowledge topics that will help you to be successful in your course.
3. Other relevant revision/questions to help bridge between GCSE and Post-16 courses
4. Suggested therapies to help you if you are struggling with the tasks

Overall we suggest you spend around 3 hours of total work working through the tasks for Sociology.

Therefore in total, across your 3 subjects you should be completing 9 hours of Summer Work.

### Useful Websites

Use the websites below to find out about the A Level Sociology course. We are studying the AQA course.

[Sociology | Sociology | tutor2u  
www.tutor2u.net/sociology](http://www.tutor2u.net/sociology)

[ReviseSociology – A level sociology revision – education, families, research methods, crime and deviance and more!  
www.revisesociology.com](http://www.revisesociology.com)

[What is Sociology? \(britsoc.co.uk\)  
www.britsoc.co.uk](http://www.britsoc.co.uk)

### Research Task

In Sociology, there are three main sociological perspectives, or ways of looking at society. You will need to know these throughout you're a Level Sociology course.

- Functionalists – watch the Khan Academy Functionalism video on YouTube

- Marxists – Watch A Brief Introduction to Marxism from the Curious Classroom on YouTube
- Feminists – Watch Sociological Theory – Feminism from Tutor2u on YouTube

For each of the above write a summary of the main views and ideas about society. What theory do you agree with the most and why? Find out about a key sociologist for each perspective too.

Think about how you are going to present your information – be creative!

## Other Tasks

Find the definitions of the following key terms/concepts. If you can try to link them to the perspectives that you have already researched. Present this on an A4 sheet.

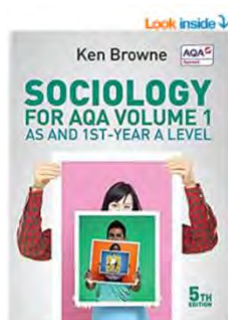
Social institutions  
 Norms  
 Values  
 Culture  
 Sanctions  
 Primary socialisation  
 Secondary socialisation  
 Social control  
 Social class  
 Social mobility  
 Sociological problems  
 Social problems  
 Social policy

## Suggestions if you are struggling

Watch any of the Crash Course on Sociology videos on YouTube to help or any of the videos on Tutor2u may help too.

There is a brilliant podcast called The Sociology Show. You could download a few episodes to listen to, perhaps whilst you are on a walk!

We will be using this textbook in lessons, you may wish to purchase a copy to use at home.



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