



We want you to be really successful and what it takes to be successful at GCSEs is different from being successful at A-Levels. Although you have fewer subjects there are different skills at A-Level and the volume of work is greater because the depth and detail is more demanding.

Bridging the Gap Work will reassure you that the subject you have selected is for you, or allow you time to change your choice of subject at enrolment, as long as there is space and you meet the entry criteria. We want you to study a course that interests you and you are sufficiently qualified to study.

Subject: A-Level Sociology

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Aim of Bridging Work (Week 3):

- To improve research and reading skills.
- To investigate the different family types in the UK.
- To apply documentaries and news articles to the key topics in A-Level Sociology.

Essential Equipment List for 1st Lesson:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Highlighters
- Flashcards
- Lever arch folder (Ideally 2)
- A4 lined paper (not an exercise book)
- Plastic wallets
- Folder dividers (At least 12)

All these items can be sourced from affordable places like Poundland, Wilko or Tesco but if there are any issues let me know.

Recommended:

- **Tutor2u Education Flash Cards**

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/store/education-revision-flashcards-for-aqa-alevel-sociology>

- **Families and Households Skills**

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/store/families-households-exam-skills-workbook-aqa-alevel-sociology>

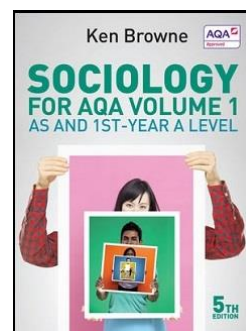
Textbook(s) for September:

[Ken Browne AQA Sociology Year 1 \(must be the 5th edition\)](#)

Suggested Reading List:

Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class
by Owen Jones

Half the Sky: Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn



The Establishment: And how they get away with it
Paperback by Owen Jones

The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone
by Kate Pickett and Richard Wilkinson

The Communist Manifesto (Paperback)
by Karl Marx

Learning to Labour by Paul Willis

Watching the English by Kate Fox

Tasks – WEEK 3 WB 11.5.20

Hello future Sociologists,

Hope you continue to be okay in these odd circumstances. The third week of Sociology Bridging work is to get you to understand more about the topics we look at in Year 13. In addition, this week is about getting you make links to the news and documentaries – to demonstrate that sociology is everywhere!

Please ensure you save all work in a folder on your computer or if you handwrite it keep it safe in a folder as you'll need to show your work as part of the entry requirements for the course.

1. Families and Households in the UK

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**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zj8qn39/revision/2>

<https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/>

2. Education and Family in the News

- Find the definition of meritocracy.
- Read the following news article <https://www.tes.com/news/few-one-20-born-poorest-areas-go-university> and answer the following questions:
 - Does this article suggest we live in a meritocracy?
 - Why is it important that 'poor' students go to university?
- Find 5 news articles that link to Education and/or Families. Download and save the links on a word doc. Some things to look out for are: immigration, poverty, benefits, exam results, private education, achievement, free schools.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/topic/Sociology>

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/sociology>

Suggested Documentaries:

I hope you are beginning to realise that Sociology is everywhere. (Sociology in the media)

Sociology is everywhere so you'll be able to see aspects of it in all forms of media. Try searching for the following titles and make notes on any videos you watch, try to keep it relevant to the topics taught in Sociology (Education, Families, Mass Media, Crime and Deviance).

- What did you learn about society?
- How does the programme link to the topics you will be studying?
 - 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)