



Introduction to Post-16 Studies - Sociology

Studying Sociology at Bewdley Sixth Form will challenge the way you think about everything! You will never again accept a news article without questioning it or believe anything you are told on the TV or Internet. Sociology makes you think about life, our society and your own attitudes and beliefs.

On page 1 you will see optional tasks that you can complete over the summer holiday. These will open your eyes to some key areas in sociology.

On page 2 you will see the summer homework. Anyone wishing to study sociology MUST complete these tasks. You should find the tasks really enjoyable and thought provoking.



Watch this documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9aSp9bFmMg>

Britain's Poorest Kids | Real Stories

This will give an insight poverty and the impact it has on families in the UK.



Listen to this radio programme

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m00162xp>

The underclass.

This will give more of an academic view point of people that need benefits to survive.



Complete this online course

Use this link

<https://www.ted.com/search?q=crime>

Listen to a talk of your choice and then summarise the main points into your own words



Investigation

Research into how wealth is distributed in the UK. Summarise this in no more than 500 words.



Read this article

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/grammar-school-private-elitist-students-education-opportunities-a8472676.html>

Interesting article about the elitism of Grammar Schools in the UK.



How to?

Explain why Wiki is not a reliable source when researching in any sociological topic.



Useful links

Specification for Sociology A Level Course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>

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This work is to be completed for your first timetabled lesson. It will be marked. Please can you complete these two tasks. The work can be handwritten or typed; it is your call.

Task 1:

Please can you conduct a semi-structured interview with an adult family member or adult family friend. Your aim is to understand what their educational experience was like and then compare it to your secondary school experience.

The set of questions below must be answered BUT you can ask as many additional questions as you like.

1. What years did you attend secondary school?
2. What did you like about school?
3. What did you not like about school?
4. Did teachers discipline differently to how they do now when you were at school?
5. What qualifications did you get at the end of year 11?
6. Would you say school was harder when you attended than what it is now?
7. Did you go to college/sixth form?
8. Did you go to university?

Task 2:

Based on the answers from your interview, you are to reflect upon changes between their experience and your own. This is to be written in proper paragraphs and again can be hand-written or typed.

You can consider any of these points to help you reflect.

- Are there any major differences such as discipline, type of qualifications etc
- Did they like school, is this different to your experience? Explain and justify answer
- Are there any similarities between their experiences of school and yours?

Extension task- this is optional. You do not have to do this.

Read the article attached to this pack. (<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2022/jun/29/replace-a-levels-to-combat-academic-snobbery-says-royal-society-president>)

You are to then give an opinion piece about this. Give your view about A-levels. Do you like the idea of them, are you excited to start your A-levels, do you think A-levels are appropriate for 16-19 study?

Really consider the value of these qualifications!

Where does this all sit in terms of your sociology curriculum? We study education for about 3 months. We will look at many of the aspects covered in this homework task so it is a very valuable and though provoking piece of work.