

## Becoming a Sociologist....



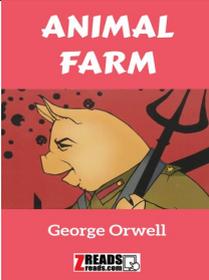
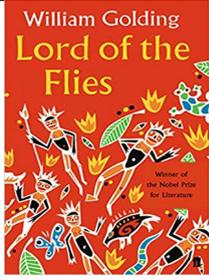
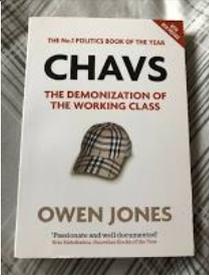
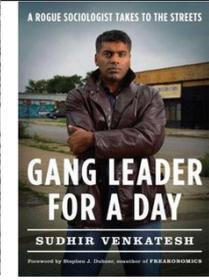
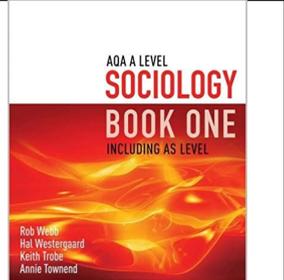
It is great to hear that you are interested in studying Sociology. We have prepared a series of activities and research ideas to prepare you for the course.

Before you start to work through the other transition takes please watch the video clip on YouTube: What is Sociology? Crash Course Sociology <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio>

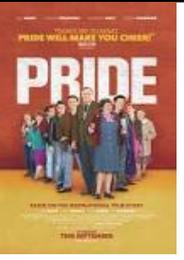
Make notes/mind maps on what you understand about Sociology. You may need to pause the video at intervals to take notes. Below is a useful website which tells you all about the work of Sociologists and the fields that this subject may lead you towards:

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/what-do-sociologists-do/>

Here you will find some useful places to explore before you start the Sociology course with us.

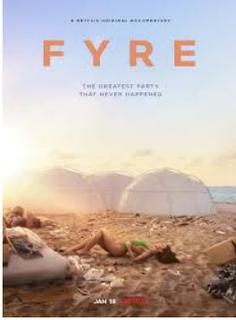
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 <p><b>Documentaries/ TV</b></p>	<p><b>Fyre (2019)</b> This documentary looks at the players behind a now infamous music festival that never happened (in short, it was a scam). A film that shows deception and crime of the elite classes, who try to cover up their crimes at the expense of the less fortunate.</p> <p><b>The Emperor's New Clothes (2015)</b></p> <p>How did the rich get so...rich? In this hilarious, passionate, and empowering look at income inequality, activist comedian Russell Brand and director Michael Winterbottom (The Trip) uncover the roots of capitalism.</p>	 
<p><b>Websites</b></p>	<p>Here you will find some useful websites which contain a whole array of information which is relevant to the topics we will study in Sociology.</p>	<p><a href="https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/">https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://thesociologyguy.com/">https://thesociologyguy.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://napierpress.com/book-one-workbooks">https://napierpress.com/book-one-workbooks</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.earlhamsociologypages.co.uk">http://www.earlhamsociologypages.co.uk</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.sociologystu">https://www.sociologystu</a></p> <p><a href="http://bcs.wiley.com/he-bcs/Books?action=index&amp;itemId=0745691307&amp;bcsId=10842ff.com">http://bcs.wiley.com/he-bcs/Books?action=index&amp;itemId=0745691307&amp;bcsId=10842ff.com</a></p>

To help prepare you for the specific topics of your KS5 course

Topic	 <p>Read</p>	 <p>Watch/ Research</p>	Your Tasks:
Education	<p><b>The Guardian Newspaper</b>  <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/education/sociology">https://www.theguardian.com/education/sociology</a></p>	<p><b>Educating Essex</b>  <a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/educating-essex">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/educating-essex</a></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Find the definition of meritocracy.</li> <li>2. Read the following news article  <a href="https://www.tes.com/news/few-one-2">tps://www.tes.com/news/few-one-2</a></li> </ol>

	<p><b>Balls Study into the effects of banding and streaming of Pupils</b>  <a href="https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/sociology/education-and-d-sociology/banding-and-streaming/">https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/sociology/education-and-d-sociology/banding-and-streaming/</a></p>	<p><b>The Great British Schools Swap</b>  <a href="https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-great-british-school-swap/episode-guide/">https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-great-british-school-swap/episode-guide/</a></p>	<p><a href="#">0-born-poorest-areas-go-university</a> and answer the following questions:</p> <p>Does this article suggest we live in a meritocracy?</p> <p>Why is it important that 'poor' students go to university?</p>
<p><b>Families &amp; Households</b></p>	<p>  <b>TOXIC CHILDHOOD</b>  <small>NEW EDITION</small>  <small>HOW THE MODERN WORLD IS DAMAGING OUR CHILDREN AND WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT</small>    <small>SUE PALMER</small></p> <p><b>Toxic Childhood, Sue Palmer</b></p> <p>This book explores some of the issues which children of today face such as obesity, dyslexia, ADHD.</p> <p>What are the main concerns according to Palmer for children growing up today?</p> <p>DO you agree? Why/why not?</p>	<p><b>Poor Kids- Life on The Breadline</b>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&amp;v=i9aSp9bFmMg&amp;feature=emb_title">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&amp;v=i9aSp9bFmMg&amp;feature=emb_title</a></p> <p><b>Slow Parenting</b>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cQH-p_iFaY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9cQH-p_iFaY</a></p> <p><b>Toxic Childhood</b>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjvULWAXzFk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjvULWAXzFk</a></p> <p>Use the websites below to help you with the task:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zj8qn39/revision/2">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zj8qn39/revision/2</a></p> <p><a href="https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/">https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/</a></p>	<p><b>Task:</b> Find the definitions for the following key family terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Monogamy</li> <li>· Polygamy</li> <li>· Nuclear family</li> <li>· Empty nest</li> <li>· Empty shell marriage</li> <li>· Extended family</li> <li>· Kinship</li> <li>· Cohabitation</li> </ul> <p>Research the changing family in the UK and answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· How has the family structure changed over the past 100 years?</li> <li>· How have the following policies affected the family? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Divorce Act 1969 and 1984</li> <li>-The Paternity Act 2010</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Religious Beliefs</b></p>	<p><b>Grace Davie - The Sociology of Religion</b></p> <p>Davie asks the questions.....why is religion still important? Can we be fully modern and fully religious?</p> <p>Think about and answer the questions above which Davie discusses - based on your reading and your opinion.</p>	<p><b>Jonestown: Terror in the Jungle</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000d27r">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000d27r</a></p>	<p>Watch the documentary about the Jonestown Massacre and think about/answer the following questions:</p> <p>Who were the Peoples Temple?  What were their beliefs?  What made people want to join them?  What happened to them?</p> <p>Why are sects attractive to some people? (Note: the media often refer to sects as cults but in Sociology we would call this organisation a sect)</p>
<p><b>Crime &amp; Deviance</b></p>	<p><b>Women &amp; Binge Drinking</b></p>	<p><b>Girls Incarcerated</b></p>	<p><b>Task:</b> Go on the following website and research crime in your area or the area</p>

	<p><a href="http://sociology.org.uk/flipbooks/deviance/gender/index.html">http://sociology.org.uk/flipbooks/deviance/gender/index.html</a></p> <p>This flip book explores the issue of binge drinking amongst women. Consider how it challenges some of the traditional stereotypes of women? Do you think society should be concerned with this behaviour? What is your opinion?</p>	<p><b>Dirty Money</b></p> <p><b>Flint Town</b></p> <p>All of the above are available on netflix.</p> <p><b>Stacey Dooley Investigates:</b>  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hjmy/stacey-dooley-investigates-locked-up-with-the-lifers">https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hjmy/stacey-dooley-investigates-locked-up-with-the-lifers</a></p>	<p>near your school.  <a href="https://www.crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode/AL10%208NL">https://www.crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode/AL10%208NL</a> and answer the Following questions:</p> <p>-Where does most crime take place?</p> <p>-What are the top 3 crimes/offences?</p> <p>-Why do you think that those crimes are committed in your area? Think about socio-economic issues and location.</p>
<p><b>Sociological Theory</b></p>	<p>This website provides a summary of all of the different theoretical perspectives in Sociology.</p> <p><a href="https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/">https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/</a></p> <p><b>Social Inequality &amp; Corona Virus (links to Marxism)</b>  <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/09/coronavirus-inequality-managers-zoom-cleaners-offices">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/09/coronavirus-inequality-managers-zoom-cleaners-offices</a></p>	<p>The YouTube channel below is useful for summaries of the main theories we look in Sociology:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKWkZAnGA">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKWkZAnGA</a></p> <p><a href="https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/">https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/group/theory-methods-key-terms">https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/group/theory-methods-key-terms</a></p>	<p>Use the internet to find out about the main sociological theories. For each one explain the main idea and concepts and the key sociologists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Functionalism</b></li> <li>· <b>Marxism</b></li> <li>· <b>Feminism</b></li> <li>· <b>Action Theories</b></li> <li>· <b>Postmodernism</b></li> </ul> <p>Which sociological perspective do you agree with? Why?</p>

**A note from us:** Please do not feel that you have to complete **all** of the tasks and use every resource that has been suggested. We would just like to give you an opportunity to explore some of the topics we will be studying in Sociology so it would be great if you could give some of these a go!

It would be fantastic if you did watch any of the films or documentaries that you wrote a review of this. You could send a copy to us via email so that we can read these and share them together in September.

Good Luck!