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A Level Preparation Pack



Overview

We look forward to welcoming you to the College. We have an experienced team who will help you every step of the way on your A Level journey. To aid you in your transition to sixth form college, we have collated a range of resources that will get you thinking sociologically. We hope you find these interesting and they confirm your decision that Sociology is the right course for you!

Activity

Wife Swap - <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x31wjbu> - while watching the video think of the following and try answering these questions:

- What is the purpose of the show?
- What is the role of the husbands and wives in the show?
- How did Mark feel when Emma said she couldn't cook?
- What differences in family structure do you note?
- Is there anything ethically wrong about this show?

Films

- **I, Daniel Blake** - Looks at the cycle of deprivation and poverty impacting unemployed families
- **Freedom Writers** - Gives insight to issues of ethnicity in education and labelling theory
- **Pride** - Explores sexuality as well as an insight into New Right theorists
- **Hotel Rwanda** - An insight into global development and conflict
- **The Breakfast Club** - Gives a glimpse of prejudice, stereotypes and hierarchies in education

Reading

* **AQA A Level Sociology Book One**

Contains all content for secure sociological knowledge

* **Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race**

Discussion of race and racism embedded in society

* **The Bottom Billion**

Challenges of poverty in deprived countries

Documentaries



- ◇ **The Mask You Live In** (Netflix) - explores how our culture's narrow definition of masculinity is harming our boys, men and society.
- ◇ **Miss Representation** (Netflix) - explores the under-representation in the media of women in positions of power and influence in America
- ◇ **The Emperor's New Clothes** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPLMEyIDePE> - explores the exploitative nature of capitalism where many are poorly paid
- ◇ **Louis Theroux: Love Without Limits** – BBC IPlayer <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0br9vrx/louis-theroux-altered-states-1-love-without-limits> - documenting Americans who participate in polyamorous relationships
- ◇ **Louis Theroux: My Scientology Movie** – Available on Amazon Prime - battling the Church of Scientology to uncover hidden truths

Podcasts



All available on Spotify

The Sociology Show

<https://bit.ly/2WKXCC4>

Listen to interviews with high ranking researchers in the world of sociology

Marx Madness

<https://bit.ly/2Zg9IVi>

Discussions on the most important works of Karl Marx

Revise – A Level Sociology Revision

<https://podcasts.google.com/?q=sociology>

Breaking down complicated revision to its core components by other students

Sociology Matters

<https://bit.ly/2ZmXzgf>

Discussing all things sociology and how it impacts you

Course Specifications



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