

## **Sociology A Level Summer Project**

### **1. Education and Sociological Theory**

Aims: To show an understanding of three of the key sociological theories – Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism.

Be able to explain some of the key debates within sociology.

Theoretical Perspectives: Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism

If you study sociology you will be looking at a variety of sociological theories – the most famous being Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism. Therefore, having an understanding of these before you start the course will give you a real advantage.

You need to conduct some research on the above three theories and make notes on each. You will be using these notes to complete an assessment in sociology in one of your first lessons – so the more detailed you make these the better.

(You can find good resources on YouTube, tutor2u, sociology guy, as well as Google)

2. Complete one or more of the activities from the ‘key readings and videos’ below. Make notes on this ready to share with the class.

#### **Childhood:**

Has the notion of childhood changed over time?

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/dualwa-six-ways-childhood-is-different-today>
- <https://www.edsurge.com/news/2017-07-11-how-childhood-has-changed-and-how-that-impacts-education>

Is childhood disappearing?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fK2Ma7QLVU>
- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Disappearance-of-Childhood>
- <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/number-of-children-taking-anti-obesity-drugs-rises-1781008.html>

What is meant by ‘toxic childhood’?

- <https://books.google.co.uk/books?hl=en&lr=&id=5rziBAAAQBAJ&oi=fnd&pg=PT6&ots=NDu6MTZ35P&sig=62l825nwF5blwwYENVcILcSleaA#v=onepage&q&f=false>

### **Crime and Deviance:**

What is meant by crime and deviance in sociology?

- [https://blackwells.co.uk/extracts/9780199285006\\_fulcher.pdf](https://blackwells.co.uk/extracts/9780199285006_fulcher.pdf)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBodqwAlW3A>

What is 'white-collar' crime?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CbnCVDK504s>
- <https://www.ft.com/content/8751e754-6e3e-11e7-bfeb-33fe0c5b7eaa>

What are the functions of crime in society?

- <https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/229692?journalCode=ajs>

### **Beliefs in Society:**

What is meant by secularisation?

- <http://thoughtco.com/secularization-definition-3026575>

Is religion declining in the UK?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7s0FOY2mo8>

Why is the UK becoming secular?

- <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jul/11/uk-secularism-on-rise-as-more-than-half-say-they-have-no-religion>
- <https://theconversation.com/how-better-education-has-built-a-more-secular-britain-83656>
- <https://www.secularism.org.uk/news/2019/04/britains-non-religious-population-growing-rapidly-figures-show>

What are New Religious Movements?

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysCYQW\\_7FMU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysCYQW_7FMU)

Why are New Religious Movements growing?

- [https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-notes/reasons\\_for\\_the\\_growth\\_of\\_namsnrms](https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-notes/reasons_for_the_growth_of_namsnrms)