



**A) Start thinking: Introducing Socialisation, culture and identity**

The concept of *culture* is central to sociology – but what does it mean?

1. List 5 different things that you think culture refers to. For example, customs
2. Give an example of each (it can be the UK or elsewhere)

Now explore the Hamar tribe - use the following links to help

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2454095/Incredible-photos-shed-light-Ethiopias-Hamar-tribe-beaten-scarred-thorns-prove-resilient-are.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/tribe/tribes/hamar/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64bI0S3ruxI>

3. Contrast this with UK culture. Identify 5 features that are different

Now watch/read different cultures and respond to the questions

<http://study.com/academy/lesson/tchambuli-tribe-culture-gender-roles-lesson.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeRtGV9tYcI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSjhRmEhi7k&t=1s>

look at any 'tribe with Bruce Parry' on you tube or watch 'my year with the tribe' by Will Millard

4. How did the researcher 'fit in' with the tribe?
5. How do individuals become part of society/culture?
6. What does this tell us about culture/s?

Culture and identity

Watch the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKpxfMCUAhE&list=PL416u5bH2h7HeD2ad6STuQymhbLs-H-ZI&index=3&t=165s>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_WAmt3cMdk&list=PLAEKUX2eV4jJEqwQnxJjXjlz09G7GGk7f](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_WAmt3cMdk&list=PLAEKUX2eV4jJEqwQnxJjXjlz09G7GGk7f)

7. identify and explain the core concepts that help form culture and illustrate these with examples
8. what do the HSBC adverts tell us about culture?

Sociological theories



9. Using some or all of the links produce a table outlining the main points of the following Sociological theories:

(Symbolic) Interactionism, Functionalism, Conflict theory (Marxism), Postmodernism. You will need to include specialist words such as consensus, conflict, ideology... for the relevant viewpoints, but don't let it put you off (sociology is full of them) and you can always use the guide to define/explain what they mean.

<http://www.sociology.org.uk/wsheets.htm> scroll down to theory and select.

<http://sociology.about.com/od/Sociological-Theory/a/Functionalist-Theory.htm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqsP0vQJJ44>

<http://sociology.about.com/od/Sociological-Theory/a/Symbolic-Interaction-Theory.htm>

<http://www.sociologyguide.com/basic-concepts/>

## **Information & preparation for your sociology A level course**

What is it and what can I do with it?

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/WhatIsSociology/studyingSOC.aspx>

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

[https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/a-level\\_sociology](https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/a-level_sociology)

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/sociology>

What could I read/watch to get ahead of the game?

### **Reading**

The Spirit Level: Why Greater Equality Makes Societies Stronger by Pickett, Kate, Wilkinson, Richard (2011)

Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class by Owen Jones (2016 paperback)

Living Dolls: The Return of Sexism Paperback – 5 May 2011 by Natasha Walter

The McDonaldization of Society Paperback – 3 Dec 2014 by George Ritzer

Criminology: The Basics Paperback – 15 Sep 2016 by Sandra Walklate

**Watching:** Almost all television programmes have sociological value. From soaps & Big Brother to current affairs and documentaries. Ones to look out for include:

Panorama BBC 1

News CH4

Cutting Edge CH4

Dispatches CH4