

Year 11-12 Transition to Sociology A Level



Sociology is a dynamic subject - offering opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of the world around us. The transition aims to support preparation for A level study by exploring some sociological views, specialised language and topics on the specification.



Introducing Socialisation, culture and identity

The concept of *culture* is central to sociology, use the links and answer the questions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5da1f7NT4Q> 10 traditions around the world

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_WAmt3cMdk&list=PLAEKUX2eV4jJEqwQnxJjXjlz09G7GGk7f
HSBC adverts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cwecTMI7ZB8> Tribes with Bruce Parry

<https://www.cliffsnotes.com/study-guides/sociology/culture-and-societies/culture-and-society-defined>

1. How would you define culture?
2. What elements make up culture? Can you give any examples from what you have watched?
3. After watching 'Tribes with Bruce Parry' explain how Bruce managed to 'fit in' with the tribe. Do you think this was a good method to use? Explain your reasoning
4. Start to build a 'glossary' of new terms/concepts to include the following: norms, values, status, roles, diversity, globalisation, identity, gender, hybridity, subculture, socialisation

Sociological theories offer a range of explanations, views and concepts to explain different social phenomena, for example, how society works, why crime exists, ideas on poverty or the role of youth in today's society. They are a core component of the A level course. Familiarizing yourself with these will be a strong foundation for study.



5. Using some or all of the links, produce a table outlining the main points of the following Sociological theories views on society.

(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=W0GFSUu5UzA> a brief overview of Marxism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFQIIM8IRZU> - Interactionism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jOZqVnQmdY> Functionalism

<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/>



What is this subject?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ZJIFxDavpc> - overview with London School of Economics

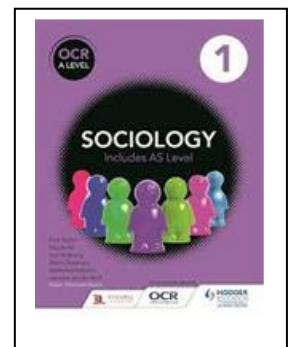
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK5J0-cM-HE> general idea

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqkzp9C2VyI> culture

What textbook is best for Y12 and what can I watch/listen to?

OCR Sociology for A Level Book 1

Sue Brisbane, Katherine Roberts, Paul Taylor, Steve Chapman, Jannine Jacobs-Roth, Nayda Ali



Podcasts <https://podtail.com/podcast/the-sociology-show/>

<https://anchor.fm/allsociology>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qy05>

What can I watch?

The News! Dispatches, Panorama, special Reports, The Tribe (series), Stacey Dooley investigates, Cutting Edge (CH4), Chernobyl,

Films include The social network, Her, Snowden, Deepwater Horizon, Billy Elliot, Brassed off