

SOCIOLOGY

Reading list

Textbook

AQA A Level Sociology: Book one and Book Two: Trobe et al. Napier Press

Suitable Revision Guides

- Collins A Level Sociology
- Napier press companion revision guide
- **Wider reading** on the Tutor2U and Revise Sociology websites below

Useful websites

- **Napier press website** –companion to the textbook
- <http://www.discover sociology.co.uk/> BSA teaching resources section.
- Revise Sociology <https://revisesociology.com/>
- Tutor2U Sociology <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>
- [BBC](#)
- [The Guardian](#)

DATA WEBSITES: Useful for wider reading and essays

- [Office for National Statistics](#)
- [Sutton trust](#) (research in educational inequality).

Films and documentaries to watch- **not compulsory but try a few-may be useful to get you thinking about topics we will cover on the course.

General

- BBC iPlayer: Go to the Documentaries section- Panorama and the Crime and Punishment documentaries may be useful for the A Level topics-cover a range of social issues.

Education

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000772n/how-to-break-into-the-elite> How to Break into the Elite
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00085fl/panorama-inside-the-school-cuts-crisis> Panorama: Inside the School Cuts Crisis

- <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/68553-001> Growing Up Poor: Britain's Breadline Kids
- <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/68572-001>
- Skipping School : Britain's Invisible Kids

Family:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fl40wizRNc4> Documentary on Childhood
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wN5R2LWhTrY> Boys and Girls : Can our kids go Gender Free?

Crime and Deviance

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000dtzv/crime-are-we-tough-enough-series-1-2-prisons> Prisons : Crime-Are we tough enough?
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000dv66/crime-are-we-tough-enough-series-1-4-the-police> Police- Are we tough enough?

- <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/66192-001> North Korea: Life Inside the Secret State
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000hjmy/stacey-dooley-investigates-locked-up-with-the-lifers> Stacey Dooley-Locked up with the Lifers (Warning some strong language)
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p04xwqh7/teenage-knife-wars> Teenage Knife Wars: Warning some graphic scenes/language

Transition tasks

TASK 1: What is Sociology?

a) **What is Sociology?** Write an explanation in your own words. You can use these videos/weblinks to help:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32KG_ba_NJc&feature=emb_logo

b) **Social Issues: The COVID-19 outbreak**

Read the articles below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-52488208>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-52574931>

For each article;

- 1) Explain the social issue.
- 2) Why has the social issue developed? (there may be more than one reason given)
- 3) What impact will the social issue have on individuals and / or society?

TASK 2: An Introduction to Research Methods

Follow the link below to access an online lesson: Introduction to Research Methods by Tutor2U.

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/research-methods-online-lesson>

What you will study in this online lesson:

- Why sociologists conduct research
- The different types of data available and why sociologists might prefer one or the other
- Factors influencing choice of topic
- Factors influencing choice of method

Complete lesson activities 1-6 and 8

Task 3: Key theories in Sociology.

Follow the links to investigate the key theories in Sociology. You can do some additional research beyond these links if you like.

Make notes, a mind map or a poster on each theory including: key concepts and ideas and any key Sociologists mentioned.

- 1) Functionalism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhhdPgVzkwU>
- 2) Marxism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOGFSUu5UzA>
- 3) Social Action Theory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yJrnwOPC2f8>
- 4) Feminism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6DI-9pSW-4>
- 5) Postmodernism <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SlA-r8wSMKQ>