


SIXTH FORM SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

	<u>SOCIOLOGY</u>	
	Qualification Level	A-Level
	Exam Board/ Syllabus	AQA
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Sociology is concerned with the study of society and the people within it. Sociologists aim to examine different behaviours and social issues and analyse their effect on society from different Sociological perspectives.

Tasks:

We would like you to begin to familiarise yourself with the main perspectives in Sociology and their key ideas.

1. Introduction to key perspectives

Research the key principles of:

- 1) **Functionalism** - Norms, values, value consensus, socialisation, functional fit theory
- 2) **Marxism** - Alienation, capitalism, false class consciousness, ideology, bourgeoisie, proletariat
- 3) **Feminism** - Patriarchy, types of feminism: liberal/ radical/ marxist feminism

2. Contemporary news research and application

Find 2 'contemporary' (recent) news articles that you think may relate to topics that we will study in Sociology - (Families and Households, Education, Crime and Deviance). What would the above perspectives think about your chosen articles, do you think?

Examples:

Families and Households - UK immigration policy	https://news.sky.com/story/general-election-labour-and-conservative-immigration-policies-explained-13146912
Families and Households - Ageing population	https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/oct/18/jeremy-hunt-uk-families-asia-elderly
Education	https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/24261345/a-levels-axed-pupils-maths-18-new-qualification/
Crime and Deviance	https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-51614911

For both tasks, it is your choice how you would like to present your work. Some ideas are listed below:

- Poster
- PowerPoint presentation
- Art work
- Comic strip/storyboard
- Essay

CHALLENGE yourself further by...

- Considering the strengths and weaknesses of **one** of perspectives you have researched above
- Explore other approaches e.g. New Right, Personal Life Perspective

Useful websites:

- <https://revisesociology.com/2017/04/04/sociological-perspectives-key-concepts/>
- <https://www.thesociologyteacher.com/a-level-sociology>
- <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/families-functionalism#:~:text=Functionalists%20ar gue%20that%20all%20institutions,for%20society%20and%20for%20individuals.>