

Year 11 bridging work for A level Sociology

Sociology is about society and the world around us so it is important that you keep up-to-date with what is going on in the world.

On the following pages, you will find a selection of articles and activities to prepare you for Year 12 Sociology.

The last page of this booklet has a number of ideas if you wanted to extend your ideas further but this is not compulsory.

Thanks

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Complete the tasks in the booklet





Sociology is everywhere, so you will be able to see aspects of it in all forms of media.

ACTIVITY 1

Watch at least 1 from the following media sources and make notes in the box below.

- 7up documentary (ITV)
- Stacey Dooley documentaries (BBC iPlayer / Youtube)
- Black Mirror (Netflix)
- Louis Theroux documentaries
- Dispatches documentaries (4OD)
- Panorama documentaries (BBC iPlayer)

ACTIVITY 2

Read the following newspaper article and answer the questions in the box that follows.

As few as one in 20 born in poorest areas go to university

Teach First analysis finds those born in some of the richest areas 18 times more likely to attend university than those in some of the poorest areas. Only one in 20 pupils in some of the country's poorest postcodes progress to higher education, according to new analysis by Teach First. The charity has called for the government to improve entry rates by [writing off student debt to get better teachers into challenging schools](#). It has also called on universities to start offering university access programmes at primary level. According to Teach First's research, on average only one in five young people born in the country's poorest postcodes progress to university, while half of those born in the wealthiest postcodes do so. However, the gap is even more stark between some areas.

Big differences

For example, in some parts of Derbyshire, as few as one in twenty students go to university, while in parts of Buckinghamshire it is more than 80 per cent. This means that those born in some of the richest areas are up to 18 times more likely to attend university than those in some of the poorest areas. Teach First also found big differences between the choices made by disadvantaged young people when it came to university compared to their more privileged peers.

A ComRes poll of 18-25 year olds found that 41 per cent of the most advantaged students said they chose their university because it was the best for what they wanted to study, compared to only 31 per cent of the least advantaged. Disadvantaged students are more likely to choose an institution close to where they live, with 29 per cent saying they chose their university on this basis, compared to 24 per cent of the most advantaged. Of the most disadvantaged pupils who did not go to university, only 12 per cent said this was because their grades weren't good enough.


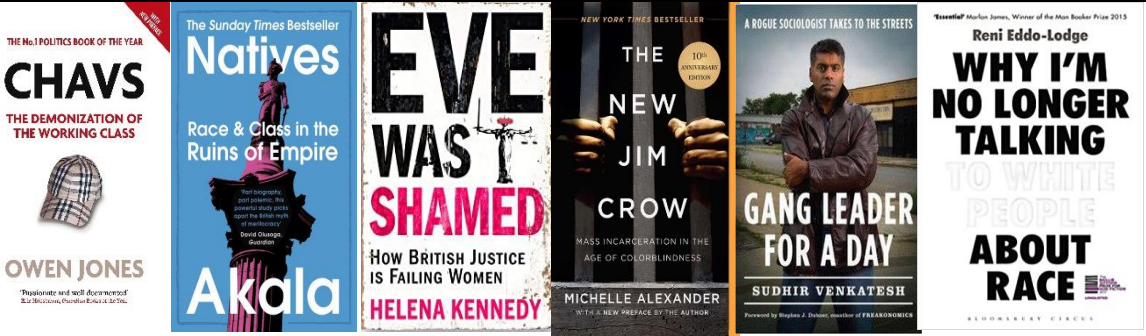





What is meritocracy? Does this article suggest we live in a meritocracy?
Why is it important that 'poor' students go to university?



EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

ONCE A SOCIOLOGIST, ALWAYS A SOCIOLOGIST!

The Sociology department would love for you to continue to stay cognitively engaged over the coming weeks and months. The following are suggestions, they are not compulsory, but we would love for you to engage in any that you find interesting.

	
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	<p>www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/topics/Sociology_of_culture</p> <p>Black Mirror</p> <p>www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches</p> <p>Poor Kids: Life on the Breadline (Child Poverty Documentary) Real Stories</p> <p>www.ted.com/talks?topics%5B%5D=sociology</p> <p>BBC Panorama</p>

