



SOCIOLOGY

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Welcome to this dynamic, exciting and challenging subject!

It is a subject that requires you to understand the world you live in, and how it affects everyday life. Sociology will open your eyes and make you think very differently. These tasks will help you to research society independently and develop your critical thinking skills. Each week you will look at important contemporary events and issues and discover social inequalities that exist.

Week 1

Grenfell Tower

'No Justice for Grenfell'

Conduct research on the Grenfell fire and write a summary exploring what happen (at least 250 words)
Issues to consider:

1. How the fire started
2. How society supported the victims?
3. Was it a crime?
4. How the fire linked to the social class of the victims
5. Will there be any justice?

Some web links and videos to help...

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-40272168

www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-48587288

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-h4Eu-Ynysk

Week 2

Educational Achievement

Statistically there are certain groups in society that achieve more highly than others in education. There are several factors that are argued to influence this such as class, ethnicity and gender.

Conduct research into the differences in achievement in GCSE results or A Level results by Gender, Social Class and Ethnicity. You should create a graph (bar / pie chart) to highlight the differences.

Some web links to help...

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2019/aug/22/gcse-results-more-rigorous-courses-appear-to-benefit-girls>

<https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/education-skills-and-training/11-to-16-years-old/gcse-results-attainment-8-for-children-aged-14-to-16-key-stage-4/latest>

Week 3

The Power of Advertising

Explore a range of TV adverts and look at how they portray different groups of people in society.

For example, are women portrayed sexually to sell a product? Does gender stereotyping still exist in children's toys? Are we seeing a rise in same sex families to sell products?

Find examples for each of these groups:

1. Men
2. Women
3. Children
4. Elderly
5. Sexualities



Create a poster / scrapbook / collage / PowerPoint with your examples and briefly annotate whether the portrayal is positive or negative and why.

Week 4

The Experts:

Read the following summaries of 3 key sociological theories. Then create one of the following to illustrate their key ideas about how society works, either:

1. A storyboard or cartoon
2. A poster
3. A brief summary of each sociologist (in your own words)

Marxism: <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/classic-texts-karl-marx-selected-writings-1857-1867>

Functionalism: <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/what-is-functionalism>

Feminism: <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/classic-texts-sylvia-walby-theorising-patriarchy-1990>

Great Sociological Films and TV programmes:

- Stacey Dooley investigates (BBC)
- The 'Up' series (eg. 56 Up, 63 Up) on Netflix or Youtube
- The Secret Life of 5 year olds (Channel 4)
- When They See Us (Netflix)
- The Society (Netflix)
- Black Mirror (Netflix)
- A Bug's Life or Antz
- Suffragette
- I, Daniel Blake
- Made in Dagenham
- The Social Network
- The hate you give
- Ted Talks/Sociology