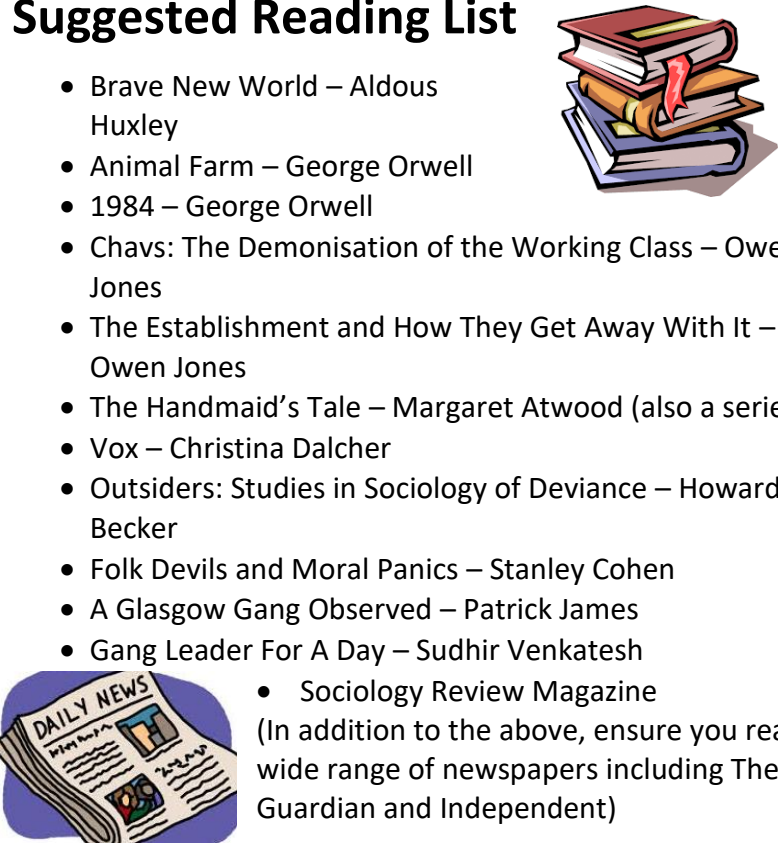
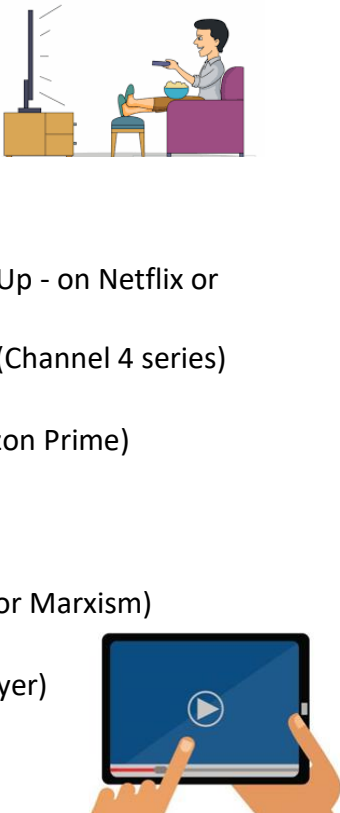




# A-Level Sociology

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<p>At the heart of Sociology are three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>What is happening in society?</b> (<i>Social Research: overlaps with Psychology and Criminology</i>)</li> <li>- <b>Why is it happening?</b> (<i>Social Theory: overlaps with Politics, History and Philosophy</i>)</li> <li>- <b>What can be done about it?</b> (<i>Social Policy – overlaps with Politics</i>)</li> </ul>		<p>A-level Subject content</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Education with Theory and Methods</a> (Year 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.1 <a href="#">Education</a></li> <li>• 1.2 <a href="#">Methods in Context</a></li> <li>• 1.3 <a href="#">Theory and Methods</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <a href="#">Topics in Sociology</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.2 <a href="#">Families and Households</a> (Year 1)</li> <li>• 2.7 <a href="#">The Media</a> (Year 2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. <a href="#">Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods</a> (Year 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.1 <a href="#">Crime and Deviance</a></li> <li>• 3.2 <a href="#">Theory and Methods</a></li> </ul> </li> </ol> <div data-bbox="1753 403 2022 667" style="border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin-top: 20px;"> <p>Past Papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Paper 1</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Paper 2</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Paper 3</a></li> </ul> </div>		
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<p><i>You have chosen a subject that will 'keep you on your toes' and make you think in ways you couldn't imagine. You will certainly have a very different outlook on society by the end of your course.</i></p>	<p><b>Course Expectations</b></p>	<p>It is expected that <i>at least</i> 4 hours a week on Sociology in addition to the lessons. This time will be spent completing homework tasks, reading ahead, revising your notes using the repeated retrieval method, preparing for assessments and completing exam answers. You are expected to be pro-active and use your study time productively.</p> <p>Your progress will be reviewed on a regular basis. The review process will provide feedback explaining how to improve upon your work and you ACTIVELY engaging by responding to feedback and reflecting on what needs to be amended.</p> <p>You will need to have a folder for each exam paper you sit. Your folders will be checked on a regular basis to help you keep organised and up to date with your work.</p>
<p><b>Suggested Reading List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brave New World – Aldous Huxley</li> <li>• Animal Farm – George Orwell</li> <li>• 1984 – George Orwell</li> <li>• Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class – Owen Jones</li> <li>• The Establishment and How They Get Away With It – Owen Jones</li> <li>• The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood (also a series)</li> <li>• Vox – Christina Dalcher</li> <li>• Outsiders: Studies in Sociology of Deviance – Howard S Becker</li> <li>• Folk Devils and Moral Panics – Stanley Cohen</li> <li>• A Glasgow Gang Observed – Patrick James</li> <li>• Gang Leader For A Day – Sudhir Venkatesh</li> <li>• Sociology Review Magazine</li> </ul> <p>(In addition to the above, ensure you read a wide range of newspapers including The Guardian and Independent)</p> 	<p><b>Suggested Watch List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documentaries, including Panorama, Louis Theroux, Stacey Dooley, Mind of a Murderer etc</li> <li>• I, Daniel Blake (Amazon Prime)</li> <li>• Years and Years (BBC i-player)</li> <li>• The 'Up' series (eg. 56 Up, 63 Up - on Netflix or YouTube)</li> <li>• The Secret Life of 5-year-olds (Channel 4 series)</li> <li>• McMafia (Netflix)</li> <li>• Freedom Writer's Diary (Amazon Prime)</li> <li>• When They See Us (Netflix)</li> <li>• The Society (Netflix)</li> <li>• Love, Simon (Amazon Prime)</li> <li>• Pixar's 'A Bug's Life or Antz' (for Marxism)</li> <li>• Ted Talks/Sociology (online)</li> <li>• Made in Dagenham (BBC i-player)</li> <li>• Wonder (Netflix)</li> <li>• The Wife (Netflix)</li> </ul> 	<p>You will be expected to <b>know and understand (A.O.1)</b> the information about the topics, and to be able to <b>apply (A.O.2)</b>, <b>analyse and evaluate (A.O.3)</b> that knowledge and understanding.</p>

# Transition Activities (to be completed before your first lesson in September)



**1.** Society does not remain static over time, it constantly changes – through decades, centuries, and across countries and societies. Answer the following questions:

- Give 3 different ways UK society has changed over the last 100 years – think about different areas of social life and work.
- In your opinion, why has society changed?
- If you were in power, what would your first four items on your agenda be? What would you hope to do as Prime Minister?

**2.** Watch this video: [What Is Sociology?](#)

a) Note down 5 things that tell you what Sociology is. (*it is a US based video, but the subject of Sociology is global and what it looks at/investigates is the same around the world.*)

b) Find the definitions for the following key sociological terms:

- Norms
- Values
- Beliefs
- Culture
- Social Class
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Society
- Socialisation (primary socialisation and secondary socialisation)

**3.** Look at the statements below and write them out in a list which ranks them in order of the one you MOST agree with, to the one you LEAST agree with.

- Society works for the benefit of all.
- Women are systematically disadvantaged.
- We live in a democracy.
- Life is unfair.
- The world is run for the benefit of a very small group of people.
- Most people cannot see that they spend their entire lives being exploited.
- Structures in society exist to help people and the smooth operation of society.
- Men dominate.
- Gender inequalities exist.
- People are judged only in terms of their merit / skills / intelligence.

Take the one from the top and the one from the bottom of your list and for each, write a developed paragraph explaining why you placed it where you did. Follow this writing frame:

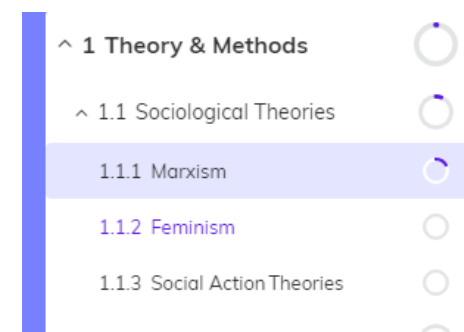
I most agree/disagree with the statement\_\_\_\_\_. This is because ....  
Evidence to support this includes... Furthermore... Therefore, it is clear that  
(insert statement) is.... (valid/ irrelevant/ misguided/ outdated...)

## Additional Tasks

→ Research the 3 main political parties: Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat. What are their main ideas? How are they different?

- [UK Parliament](#)
- [UK Political Parties: An Overview](#)

→ Go to [www.senecalearning.com](http://www.senecalearning.com) and go through some of the Sociological Theory tasks.



Which of these theories do you feel best explains how society works? Why?