

Sociology Transition Tasks



Aim of transition tasks:

- To define the key terms used within Sociology
- To develop an understanding of the perspectives within Sociology
- To evaluate the perspectives within Sociology

The following tasks are tailored to help you grasp the basic concepts that we will cover in Sociology. These are not compulsory and we will begin the course with lessons introducing you to these concepts and perspectives so that everyone starts from the same place. However, if you are interested in developing an understanding of key Sociological terms and perspectives before Y12 begins then do try the tasks below. They may also help reassure you that Sociology is the subject for you!

Task one:

Can you define the key terms below? Write out the definitions of the following terms using the webpages to help you:

- <https://revisesociology.com/introduction-to-sociology/>
- <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/group/theory-methods-key-terms>

Sociology	
Society	
Social institutions	
Norms	
Values	

Culture	
Roles	
Socialisation	
Stratification	

Task two:

In Sociology, there are three main different sociological perspectives, or ways of looking at society. For each perspective, create a mind map summarising what the perspective's attitudes toward society is, what a strength/example of this view is and a limitation of the perspective.

1. **Functionalism:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-83vVeSC2_g
2. **Marxism:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSQgCy_ilcc
3. **Feminism:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6DI-9pSW-4>

If you are passionate about Sociology and want to explore the subject further, take a look at our wider reading and watching document. It lists a number of interesting books, documentaries and films for you to consider before the course begins. We will have plenty of opportunity for discussion of a range of sociological issues throughout the course too.