

A guide to help you get ready for **A-level Sociology**

What is Sociology?

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to start an A-level in Sociology in September. It is aimed to be used now and throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September. The suggested activities will start to engage with and enjoy the world of Sociology! It's a fantastic subject to study, and we hope you enjoy your learning.

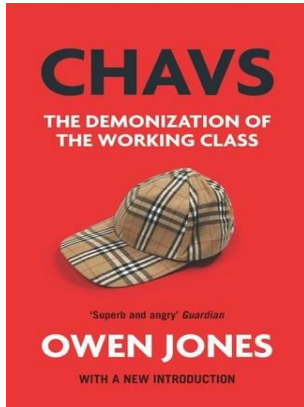


If you need any clarification or find another amazing resource, do get in touch!

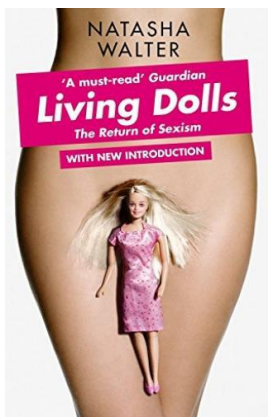
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Read Sociology Based Books

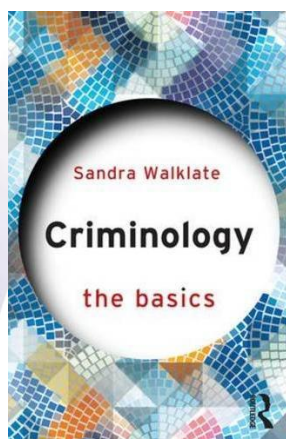
These books are all popular books about sociology, and great for extending your knowledge and understanding.



In modern Britain, the working class has become an object of fear and ridicule. From Little Britain's Vicky Pollard to the demonization of Jade Goody, media and politicians alike dismiss as feckless, criminalized and ignorant a vast, underprivileged swathe of society whose members have become stereotyped by one, hate-filled word: chavs. In this acclaimed investigation, Owen Jones explores how the working class has gone from 'salt of the earth' to 'scum of the earth.' Exposing the ignorance and prejudice at the heart of the chav caricature, he portrays a far more complex reality.



Empowerment, liberation, choice. Once the watchwords of feminism, these terms have now been co-opted by a society that sells women an airbrushed, highly sexualised and increasingly narrow vision of femininity. Drawing on a wealth of research and personal interviews, LIVING DOLLS is a straight-talking, passionate and important book that makes us look afresh at women and girls, at sexism and femininity - today.



This is a lively and engaging guide to this compelling and complex subject. Topics covered include, the history and development of criminology, the myths about crime and offenders, the search for criminological explanations, victims of crime and state crime, crime prevention, cybercrime and the future of crime control. This edition also includes new sections on genocide, terrorism, cultural victimology and west centric thinking.

There are great books available on audible, kindle too. Choose anyone that takes your fancy! Write a book review on it and hand this to your teacher in September.

TED Talks – Sociology Themes

Download the TED talk app to your device. It's brilliant!!!

1. A radical experiment in empathy!

Sam Richards is a sociologist and teacher of the largest race relations course in the US. He argues that empathy is the core of sociology.

https://www.ted.com/talks/sam_richards_a_radical_experiment_in_empathy

2. Why we need strangeness

In our digital world, social relations have become mediated by data. Without even realizing it, we're barricading ourselves against strangeness. Maria Bezaitis makes a bold call for technology to deliver us to what and who we need, even if it's unfamiliar and strange.

https://www.ted.com/talks/maria_bezaitis_why_we_need_strangeness

3. The problem with race-based medicine

Internationally recognized sociologist, public intellectual and social justice advocate Dorothy Roberts studies the interplay of gender, race and class in legal issues. She has been a leader in transforming public thinking and policy on reproductive health, child welfare and bioethics.

https://www.ted.com/talks/dorothy_roberts_the_problem_with_race_based_medicine#t-115127

4. The opportunity gap in US education and how to close it!

How can we tap into the potential of all students, especially those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds? Sociologist Anindya Kundu invites us to take a deeper look at the personal, social and institutional challenges that keep students from thriving in the United States

https://www.ted.com/talks/anindya_kundu_the_opportunity_gap_in_us_public_education_and_how_to_close_it

5. Where in the world is it easiest to get rich?

In this wryly funny talk, sociologist Harald Eia explains what some countries are doing differently and argues that capitalism and welfare states can, in fact, co-exist in harmony.

https://www.ted.com/talks/harald_eia_where_in_the_world_is_it_easiest_to_get_rich

Complete a summary of each talk using the Cornell note making format explained on the next page.

Effective Note Making

Making effective notes in lessons is an essential skill for A-level Sociology. Practice producing notes using the Cornell System by summarising two of the TED talks you have listened to. Complete your notes in the following format and show them to your teacher when you start your course in September.

SUBJECT		TOPIC	
DATE			
LESSON FOCUS			
QUESTIONS AND CUE-WORDS		NOTE TAKING	
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Record: During the lecture, use the note-taking column to record the lesson using concise sentences and abbreviations.2. Questions: As soon after class as possible, write questions in the left-hand column based on the notes in the note taking column. Writing questions helps to clarify meanings, reveal relationships, establish continuity, and strengthen memory. Also, the writing of questions sets up a perfect stage for exam studying later.3. Recite: Cover the note-taking column with a sheet of paper. Then, looking at the questions or cue-words in the question and cue word column only, say aloud, in your own words, the answers to the questions, facts, or ideas indicated by the cue-words.	

4. Reflect: Reflect on the material by asking yourself questions, for example: "What's the significance of these facts? What principle are they based on? How can I apply them? How do they fit in with what I already know? What's beyond them?"

5. Review: Spend at least ten minutes every week reviewing all your previous notes. If you do, you'll retain a great deal for current use, as well as, for the exam.

SUMMARY

After class, use this space at the bottom of each page to summarize the notes on that page.

Online Learning Courses

A Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is an interactive step-by-step course aimed at reaching an unlimited number of participants worldwide to create a community of lifelong learners. There are many different MOOC providers that cover a huge variety of different subject and topic interests.

Typically, a MOOC will involve 2-3 hours study per week for 6 weeks or so. MOOCs are free of charge. All required course materials will be provided for you online, which is also 100% free! Each course is open to anyone with internet access across the world and all you need is your wonderful brain!

Here are a few that you may wish to try:

Introduction to Sociology:

<https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-to-sociology-3>

Global Sociology:

<https://www.edx.org/course/global-sociology>

Doing Gender and Why it matters:

<https://www.edx.org/course/doing-gender-and-why-it-matters>

Follow the course learning instructions & complete all tasks, keep a record of what you do and save all work as evidence of your learning.

LEARNING
IS A TREASURE THAT WILL
FOLLOW ITS OWNER
EVERYWHERE.

Chinese Proverbs
InspirationBoost.com

Good luck!