

A Level Sociology

Part A - Bridging Work Task

A fantastic opportunity to widen your understanding of Sociology as you prepare for enrolment and for starting at Franklin in September.

Please complete the work and bring a copy either printed or electronically to your enrolment appointment with you.

The work will take you around **2 hours** so plan your time to best suit you.

How do I complete and submit my task?	<p>Complete the tasks and bring a copy on paper or printed out to your enrolment appointment. Also take this to your first lesson in September to hand in to your teacher.</p> <p>If you did not attend the Taster Day don't worry – this isn't essential for completing this work but, please ensure that you have completed this bridging work.</p>
Introduction to your Bridging Task	Key Theories and Concepts for Sociology
Task details	<p>Go to the following link: https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/introduction-to-aqa-a-level-sociology-getting-started</p> <p>Click on the button on the right hand side of the screen that says 'Enrol now for free'. Once you have done this, create an account and then go back to the link above.</p> <p>Watch the first video titled 'A Level Sociology – Taster Video'. This gives you an idea of the sorts of issues sociologists examine.</p> <p>Then watch all of the videos in the sections titled:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Key Concepts & Perspectives in A Level Sociology'• 'Social Groups' <p>You need to use these introduction videos, and any additional research you wish to complete, to answer the following questions:</p> <p>Sociological Theories</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Summarise Functionalism. Include:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) How does this theory think society works?b) Is society based on agreement/disagreement? Why?2) Summarise Marxism. Include:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) How does this theory think society works?b) Is society based on agreement/disagreement? Why? <p>CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE</p>

	<p>3) Summarise Feminism. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How does this theory think society works? b) Is society based on agreement/disagreement? Why? <p>4) Summarise Interactionism. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How does this theory think society works? b) What affects the way people behave? <p>5) Summarise the New Right. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How does this theory think society works? b) What do they believe the government should do? <p>6) Summarise Postmodernism. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How does this theory think society works? b) Why is society more diverse? <p>Social Class</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7) What is social class? 8) Identify features/characteristics of the following classes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Upper class b) Middle class c) Working class <p>Gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9) What is gender in sociology? 10) How does gender affect an individual's experience of society? <p>Ethnicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11) What is ethnicity? 12) How does ethnicity affect an individual's experience of society?
Resources to help you with the Bridging Task	<p>The videos on the Tutor2u course should be sufficient but you may want to use other websites to clarify or check your understanding, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://revisesociology.com/introduction-to-sociology/ <p>You can also use any other research sources and materials you wish.</p>
Extension Tasks	
Extension Tasks to stretch and challenge you	<p>Summarise the views of the different theories on the socialisation process.</p> <p>Research the arguments of Howard Becker, Stanley Cohen and Ann Oakley.</p>
Massive Open Online Courses	<p>You might enrol and complete the following to push you a little further (this is optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/what-is-sociology

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Part B – Preparing for Studying at Franklin

A fantastic opportunity to widen your understanding of the course.

Examining Board and Specification	<p>This course follows the AQA A Level Sociology specification.</p> <p>AQA website, including the full specification: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192</p> <p>We cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Culture & Identity • Crime & Deviance • The Media • Theory & Methods <p>Studying this course will give you a wide range of skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal and written communication skills • Analytical and evaluative skills • Working as a team • Problem solving skills <p>Progression after this course:</p> <p>This qualification will allow you to study a wide range of courses at university, such as Sociology, Social Policy, Psychology, Policing, Criminology, Journalism, International Studies and so on.</p> <p>There are many different career sectors that students go into after studying Sociology, such as teaching, law, journalism, marketing, social research and so on.</p>
Preparing for the course	<p>You will need the following equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large ringbinder folder • 5 dividers • Black/blue pens • Highlighters • A4 notepad