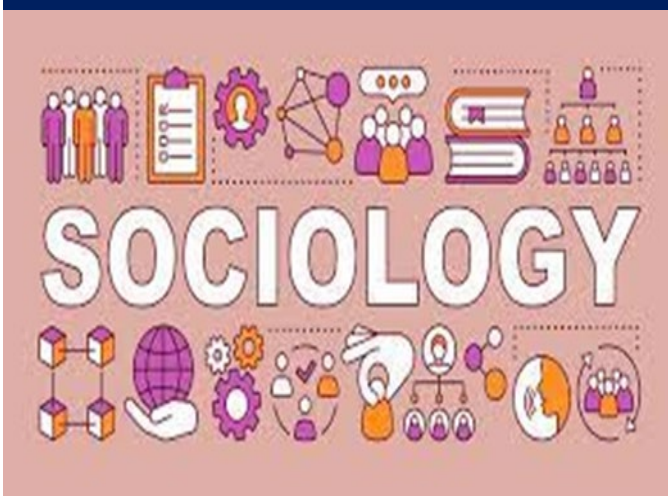


The Friary Sixth Form



Sociology Summer Project Pack 2023



Summer Tasks



Task 1 - Gender, Crime and Deviance

Distinct links can be drawn between patterns of crime and deviance and gender. You are going to investigate these patterns using secondary data published in the UK. Below are three hypotheses.

- 1. Men commit more crime than women.*
- 2. Women are more likely to be the victims of crime than men.*
- 3. The types of crime that men and women commit are different.*

Your task is to gather evidence, from secondary sources, that will enable you to test each hypothesis. For each hypothesis you must state your findings based on research (quote data and reference your source), analyse it and then draw an overall conclusion.

Secondary sources that you may wish to use can be found at:

The Office for National Statistics <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>

UK Crime Stats <http://www.ukcrimestats.com/>

United Kingdom Crime Statistics <http://www.crime-statistics.co.uk/>

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Task 2- Beliefs in Society.

God is dead!

Well, according to Nietzsche he is anyway! Your task over the summer is to complete your own sociological research to help us assess whether Britain is becoming a more secular country (secular refers to the idea that religious belief is declining.)

You need to follow the guide below to produce a sociological research essay. Reading to support this can be found following the links below.

- 1. Literature Review.** What sociological evidence is out there to suggest Britain is becoming more secular? Summarise the main debates. Include at least 3 different sociologists. Use the links below to help support this reading.
- 2. Your research plan.** What research method will you use and why? What difficulties do you expect to encounter along the way? Do you need to consider practical, ethical or theoretical issues?
- 3. Research Findings.** You can present your findings in any appropriate format, however you must draw sensible sociological conclusions from this in relation to the research question. This may be pie charts, bar charts, written questionnaire answers. Can you make any generalisations?
- 4. Conclusions.** How would you evaluate your chosen method? Would you change anything for next time? Can we ever truly measure the rate of secularisation?

Secondary sources that you may wish to use can be found at:

<https://religionmediacentre.org.uk/factsheets/secularisation-in-britain/>

<http://www.brin.ac.uk/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/may/13/uk-losing-faith-religion-young-reject-parents-beliefs>

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Task 3 - Research Methods Review

Your first mock examination to test your knowledge of research methods will be in the Autumn term.

Therefore, please ensure that you spend time over summer going through each research method carefully. Complete this chart to help you with this. It should be detailed! You can use pages 109 - 155 in your textbook to help.

Research Method	Practical Advantages and disadvantages	Ethical advantages and disadvantages	Theoretical advantages and disadvantages	Preferred by interpretivists or positivists and why?
Lab experiments				
Questionnaires				
Secondary Sources				
Participant observation				
Interviews				

Additional Reading/ Supporting Resources



Recommended Reading

You should be reading newspapers on a regular basis throughout the year to ensure you are up to date on current social affairs. The *Guardian* is particularly useful and can be accessed online as well as The Times Educational Supplement. There are also a list of books below you may want to dip into:-

Micheal Haralambos, Haralambos and Holborn, Sociology themes and perspectives (2008).

Ann Oakley, The Sociology of Housework, (1984).

Eric Hobsbawn, How to Change the World: Tales of Marx and Marxism, (2012).

Thomas Boronski, Sociology of Education, (2015).

Reni Eddo-Lodge, Why I'm no longer Talking to White People about Race, (2018)

Caroline Criado Perez, Invisible Women, (2019)

Akala, Natives. Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire. (2019)

Documentaries and Films

Louis Theroux, America's Most Hated Family. **Available on Netflix.**

Question Time. **Available on BBC IPlayer.**

Up Series. **Available on BBC IPlayer.**

The Stanford Prison Experiment. **Available on YouTube.**

Frontline: Merchants of Cool. **Available on YouTube.**

Religulous. **Available on Netflix.**

Sixteen: Class of 2021. **Available on 4OD**

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/introduction>

Up to date information from AQA including the full specification, past exam papers and revision resources.

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>

A range of practice questions, sociology revision notes and helpful summary videos for each topic.

<https://thesociologyguy.com/revision-notes/>

A range of revision mind maps and notes for each topic.

<https://revisesociology.com/tag/revision-notes/>

A range of revision mind maps and notes for each topic.

<https://napierpress.com/>

Links to the course textbook including helpful workbooks to guide revision notes.

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

A useful website to research contemporary social issues such as education.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/boo6qy05/episodes/player>

Hundreds of sociological podcasts available. All episodes are around 25 minutes.