



Bilton School Sixth Form

Sociology – Transition Work

AQA A Level Sociology – Summer Transition Work

Welcome to A Level Sociology!

This summer, you'll complete a range of tasks to prepare you for starting the course in September. These activities will introduce you to key concepts, sociological thinkers, and help you develop the skills needed for A Level study.

What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society, social institutions, and the way people interact. It explores social structures, culture, identity, inequality, and the impact of group behaviours. You'll examine families, education, crime, religion, and research methods.

Transition Tasks

Task 1: What is Sociology? (Research & Reflection)

- Research the definition of sociology.
- Identify the key aims of sociology.
- Write a 200–300 word summary explaining what sociology is and why it is important in today's society.

Task 2: Sociological Thinkers

Choose two sociologists from the list below:

- Karl Marx
- Emile Durkheim
- Max Weber
- Harriet Martineau
- Pierre Bourdieu

For each, research:

- Who they were
- Their main sociological ideas
- Why their work is important today

Summarise your findings in a short fact sheet.

Task 3: Explore Inequality

Choose one of the following social issues:

- Gender inequality
- Class inequality
- Racism and ethnicity
- Educational inequality

Research your chosen topic using reputable sources. Then write a short report (250–300 words) discussing:



- What the issue is
- Why it exists
- Its impact on individuals and society

Task 4: Read & Reflect

Choose one article, blog post, or book chapter related to sociology. Recommended sources include:

- Sociology Review Magazine (if available)
- The British Sociological Association (www.britsoc.co.uk)
- Tutor2U Sociology

Write a short reflection (100–150 words):

- What was it about?
- What did you find interesting?
- Do you agree or disagree with any views presented?

Get Organised for September

Recommended Materials:

- Ring binder + dividers
- A4 lined paper
- Highlighters and sticky notes

Optional Reading:

- “Sociology: Themes and Perspectives” by Haralambos & Holborn
- “Introduction to Sociology” by Ken Browne
- “The Sociology Book” – DK

Deadline: First Sociology Lesson in September

Bring all your completed tasks with you. You may be asked to discuss them in class.

Enjoy your summer and start thinking critically about the world around you!

If you have any questions, email: Griffiths.j@bil.svmat.uk