



A Level Sociology Summer Holiday Work



You need to bring this work along to your first Sociology lesson in September.

Task 1:– Contemporary Examples



Sociology is an up to date subject and you will be expected to keep up to date with current affairs and apply contemporary examples to topics taught throughout the course.

- Over the summer find a news story which relates to any aspect of Sociology – (see handout for course content and topics studied e.g. crime, media representation of social groups, changing patterns and trends in education and the family). You can use a newspaper article, BBC news website etc.
- Think about how it relates to Sociology. Which topic does it relate to? What are the current patterns and trends? What are the reasons behind the problem/change/debate? Do they relate to class, age, gender, ethnicity, power, government policy?
- Prepare either a summary poster/hand out for the first lesson back. It must include the news story/ date/ source and some detailed description with the facts and figures, as well as and how it might be useful for sociologists. This will be used as part of a display for open evening so make it interesting, eye catching.

Task 2: – GCSE and A level Results Analysis- Summer 2019

Read the newspaper headlines/ watch the news/search the internet

- What are some of the main headlines with the GCSE/A level results this summer?
- How did boys do compared to girls?
- How did results vary between classes? Ethnic groups?
- What were some of the patterns?
- What were some of the main trends between and within subjects in terms of results, girls v boys etc.
- Bring along some articles about the results
- Why do you think these trends exist? What are the reasons behind the statistics?

