

# Elevate: Transition- Y11 into Y12: Sociology

For students studying AQA A Level (7192)

The table below contains activities that will help to prepare you for the study of Sociology A Level from September 2022. Read the instructions carefully and complete all tasks set. Tasks can be completed on lined/plain paper OR typed up on a Word or Google document. If you choose to complete your work on a computer, please ensure that you print it off and put it in your folder, ready for September.			
	Activities you MUST complete:	Activities you COULD complete:	Tick when completed.
Task 1	<p>Society does not remain static over time, it constantly changes – through decades, centuries, and across countries and societies. Answer the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give 3 different ways society has changed over the last 100yrs – think about different areas of social life and work.</li> <li>• In your opinion, why has society changed? Why are societies different?</li> <li>• If you were in power, what would your first four items on your agenda be? What would you hope to do?</li> </ul>	<p>Research the 3 main political parties – Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat: What are their main ideas? How are they different?  <a href="http://www.parliament.uk/about/mps-and-lords/members/parties/">www.parliament.uk/about/mps-and-lords/members/parties/</a>  <a href="http://www.simplepolitics.co.uk/questions-and-answers/who-are-the-parties-and-what-do-they-stand-for">www.simplepolitics.co.uk/questions-and-answers/who-are-the-parties-and-what-do-they-stand-for</a></p>	
Task 2	<p>Look at the statements below and then write them out in a list which ranks them in order of the one you MOST agree with, to the one you LEAST agree with.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Society works for the benefit of all.</li> <li>b) Women are systematically disadvantaged.</li> <li>c) We live in a democracy.</li> <li>d) Life is unfair.</li> <li>e) The world is run for the benefit of a very small group of people.</li> <li>f) Most people cannot see that they spend their entire lives being exploited.</li> <li>g) Structures in society exist to help people and the smooth operation of society.</li> <li>h) Men dominate.</li> <li>i) Gender inequalities exist.</li> <li>j) People are judged only in terms of their merit / skills / intelligence.</li> </ol> <p>Take the one from the top and bottom and for each, write a developed paragraph explaining why you placed it where you did. Please follow this writing frame:  <b>I most agree/disagree with the statement _____. This is because .... Evidence to support this includes... Furthermore..... Therefore, it is clear that (insert statement) is.... (Valid? Irrelevant? Misguided? Outdated?)</b></p>	<p>Go to <a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a> and go through some of the Sociological Theory tasks. Create your own student profile; Search for 'Sociology' course; select Sociology AQA A Level; from the list on the left select a theory, read the information and complete the quiz!</p> <p>Which of these theories do you feel best explains how society works? Why?</p>	
Task 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Watch this video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCjo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCjo</a> and note down 5 things that tell you what Sociology is. It is a US based video, but the subject of Sociology is global and what it looks at/investigates is the same around the world.</li> <li>2. Find the definitions for the following key sociological terms:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socialisation (primary socialisation and secondary socialisation)</li> <li>• Norms</li> <li>• Values</li> <li>• Beliefs</li> <li>• Culture</li> <li>• Social Class</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Ethnicity</li> <li>• Society</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Look at this photograph; not everything is as it seems!            There is usually another way of looking at things – and that is what we do as sociologists. We take normal, taken-for-granted life and turn it upside down, looking for meanings. And very often we end up seeing things very differently. <b>Create your own piece of art work that explains what Sociology is.</b></p>	
Task 4	<p>Have a look at this guide offered to advise people on British 'norms' to help them adjust to British life, if coming here to study. <a href="https://www.studying-in-uk.org/british-culture-and-social-norms/">https://www.studying-in-uk.org/british-culture-and-social-norms/</a> Your task is to create your own 'Guide to British Culture'. This can take any form that suits you; booklet, poster, video etc. Consider the expected and accepted behaviour (norms) and ideas (values) that you'd see from the people of Britain, if visiting for the first time.</p>	<p>Have a look at this article:  <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jul/24/national-identity-fake-toxic-intolerance-italy-fascism">https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/jul/24/national-identity-fake-toxic-intolerance-italy-fascism</a>            Do you agree that national identity can lead to negative ideas? What are the benefits of maintaining or creating a 'national identity' for a nation such as Great Britain? These are difficult questions – reflect on them and discuss with friends and family.</p>	
Task 5	<p>Go to the AQA website and read the specification carefully. Write out a brief description of each of these topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theory and Methods</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Methods in Context</li> <li>• Crime</li> <li>• Families and Households</li> <li>• The Media</li> </ul>	<p>Use all available online links to write brief explanations of key terms, thinkers, facts related to each of the topics mentioned. Ensure your explanation is no longer than one side of A4 if handwritten, and half a side if typed up.</p>	

