



# A Level Sociology Induction Task

Introduction: Hello and thanks for choosing to apply for Sociology A-Level!  
During Year 1 of your A level studies you will focus on two key topics:

- **Families and Households and Research Methods:** This unit will introduce you to the relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, to the changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, child bearing and the lifecourse, and the diversity of contemporary family and household structures.

AND...

- **Education with Research Methods in Context:** This unit will introduce you to the role and purpose of education and will question the difference in achievement of differing sections of society. The unit will also provide you with the skills to understand and carry out sociological research.

To get you into the swing of things we've put together a number of useful and really important summer tasks which you will need to bring completed to your first lesson in September. It's **ESSENTIAL** that you complete these tasks otherwise you'll start the year behind everyone else which won't give the best impression of your commitment to the course!

When you begin the course in September you will be given core text books and reading lists. However, one resource that you should be starting to make use of is the media regarding changes in the family and schools. Make sure you start getting into the habit of watching the news, and reading through your choice of Newspapers or the BBC News website on education is also very useful.

Task: Your task will be to **research the History of Education in the UK**

1. Your research can be presented as a powerpoint, a prezi, a video documentary (made by you) or a structured report (using headings and sub-headings)
2. The focus of the research will be the following questions
  - a. *When did schools start in the UK?*
  - b. *Were there any differences in who used to receive schooling?*
  - c. *What are the oldest and newest subjects?*
  - d. *How have the methods of dealing with behaviour changed over time?*
  - e. *What are some of the major changes that have taken place in UK education in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries?*
  - f. *Your personal view on - what is the role and purpose of education?*
3. This needs to be completed in order for you to present this in your class on education at the start of the year.

Additional: Keep your eyes on changes in the news regarding schooling and education, in particular the BBC news website about education

Due: This work will be due in for the first lesson back and needs to be given to your class teacher.

Set by: If you have any queries regarding the task set please contact Mr Fennell or Miss Thomas  
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Expected Time Commitment: This should take you a minimum of 3 hours