

Sociology Induction work phase 2

Please bring this work to the induction day as it will be used in the taster session on 14th July.



Identity is about how we see and define ourselves –our personalities – and how other people see and define us. Many aspects of our individual identity are influenced by agencies of socialisation. These are structures or groups of people.

Task 1

What makes up your identity? What makes you who you are? **Create a mind map** showing all the influences on your identity.

Task 2

Suggest between **5 and 10 examples** of social structures or groups of people that impact upon you (e.g. family, education, peers, media etc.)

Task 3

Which of these social structures or groups influence you most? Does it depend on your age as to when they are more influential? Does it depend on other factors such as your gender or social class? **Explain your answers.**

Task 4 (Challenge task)

Individuals are like moulded putty, squished and squashed by society and its structures, but there are decisions we make that are driven by internal motivations. Behaviour that comes from within us – decisions we make in order to do things - is called agency. Agency behaviour is meaningful and a reflection of self-will. Sometimes we can challenge and oppose structures, and in this way we help construct a part of our identity.

BIG question – Does society create us as individuals, or do we create society? **Write up your response, analysing points that go for and against the idea that we are created by society. Offer evidence where you can and come to a clear conclusion.**