

Welcome to A Level Sociology.

Welcome to your A-Level Sociology summer work. We look forward to welcoming you in September. As part of your preparation for your A-Level in Sociology, we ask that you complete two tasks. This will enable you to get an understanding of what Sociology is all about and begin exploring some topic areas that you will study over the two year course. Please bring the work with you on your first lesson.

Task 1: You are presented with 6 statements covering a different topic area in Sociology. You have to write your opinion in regards to that statement. You then need to consider an alternative view point. Why might somebody hold a different perspective to you?

Task 2: Pick **one** of the following to look at (choose one that particularly interest you,) and write a short summary about the findings, and whether it shows a picture of Britain as a fair society.



‘Women continue to be disadvantaged in contemporary society.’	‘Black and minority ethnic groups are more likely to be negatively portrayed in the media.’	‘Young people are more likely to be victims of crime.’
Your opinion:	Your opinion:	Your opinion:
What could a different viewpoint be?	What could a different viewpoint be?	What could a different viewpoint be?
‘Social media has a negative impact on society.’	‘The education system in the UK is no longer fit for purpose.’	‘Childhood is better today than it was 50 years ago.’
Your opinion:	Your opinion:	Your opinion:
What could a different viewpoint be?	What could a different viewpoint be?	What could a different viewpoint be?

Task 2

1) Podcast: Professor Cecil Wright discussing the ethnic inequalities in education, including her experiences at school. Listen to it here:

<https://www.spreaker.com/episode/interview-with-professor-cecile-wright--25908686>

2) Article: Article: Diane Reay explaining the unequal treatment of working class children in education

[‘Working-class children get less of everything in education - including respect’ | Schools | The Guardian](#)

3) Documentary: Too Poor for Posh School?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWYaoWPdUOI>

4) Documentary: Professor Green ‘Living in Poverty’ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PopPLAXcWDE>

5) BBC News documentary- What Stands in the way of Women Being Equal to Men? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayj9EVc2ZLI>

6) Stephen Lawrence ‘Time for Justice 2012’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZsHwKPE0mjU>

7) Article: Institutional Racism 20 years after Stephen Lawrence’s murder <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/feb/22/institutional-racism-britain-stephen-lawrence-inquiry-20-years>

8) Clip: David Lammy discussing racial bias in the Criminal Justice System <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvMouTYuw7g>

9) Podcast: Interview with Professor Lee Elliot Major on social class and education <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/interview-with-professor-lee-elliott-major-on-social/id1507196347?i=1000635263162>

10_ Podcast: A discussion on violence against women and girls <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/a-discussion-on-violence-against-women-and-girls-re-release/id1507196347?i=1000537739212>