

Studying Sociology at Xaverian



We have put together a few activities to give you a flavour of the key topics we study in Y12 Sociology, and to start developing your 'sociological imagination'.

What is Sociology?

Please go to Youtube and watch the clip - crash course **in Sociology** (be aware that this video is based in USA- but the detail is relevant).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLUBsND2F5c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK5J0-cM-HE>

Topics that are covered in year 12.

Socialisation and Culture
Families and Households
Education
Research Methods

Tasks to get started

One area that you will study during Year 12 will be Education.

1. Please click the link below and watch the clip.
2. Then: create a table of all the reasons why white working class boys are failing at school. One column should be headed 'factors inside school' (e.g. interactions with teachers, peer group etc) and the other 'factors outside school' (e.g. poverty at home, wider community).

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/education/2016/09/lost-boys-how-white-working-class-got-left-behind>

Another area that you will study during Year 12 will be Families and Households.

1. Watch these 2 adverts for McCain chips, one from the 1990s and one from 2017:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9R_QrbLDiw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJ9fjN1az9g>

2. Create a similarities and differences chart showing how family life has changed over this time period.
3. Do some further research to suggest why these changes in family life have taken place. What is your family life like? Do an observation of the tasks that are completed in your family and by who? Who does the cooking? The cleaning? Who puts the bins out?
4. Watch the C4 documentary '21 kids and counting':
<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/21-kids-and-counting> (free to view; C4 login needed). Write a review of this programme, including: What is unusual/surprising about the Radford family? Are they what you expected? Why/why not?

What can we learn from them about family life in modern Britain?

What pressures do the family face and how do they manage these?

Is this a 'functional' family, where everything works smoothly for the benefit of the whole, or a 'dysfunctional family'? Explain your view.

Another topic that you will learn is about is Crime and Deviance

If you have access to Netflix, please watch “when they see us” and make a list/ or a mind map of the factors which contributed to the arrests. Be aware that this documentary is based on real life events which are sensitive and use language which would not be acceptable today.

Another topic that you will learn about is Social Inequality

We had the pleasure of hosting a talk br Dr Wanda Wyporska from **The Equality Trust**
<https://www.equalitytrust.org.uk/>

Please have a look at the following websites;

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

<https://everydayinequality.org.uk/2019/04/18/i-want-to-live-in-a-world-that-works-for-everyone/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLuryJhmyaQ&feature=youtu.be>

Another topic that you will learn about is Research Methods

TASK: We would like you to keep a weekly Coronavirus diary. You should document how you are feeling during #stayathome. Has your food consumption changed? How are the relationships in your family? How are you using social media at this time? How are you keeping in touch with family members that you don't live with and your friends?

Some Twitter suggestions for you to follow

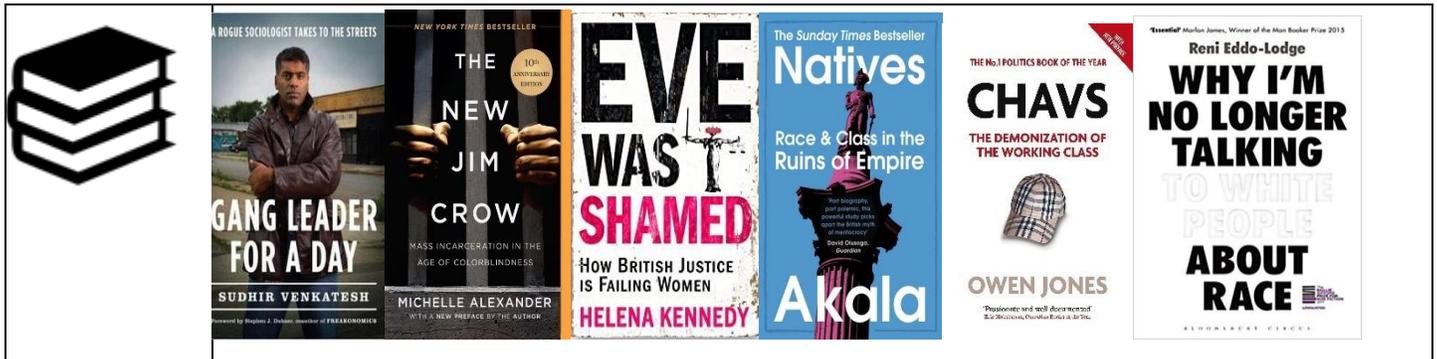
Ken Browne (@BrowneKen)

Sociology Support (@SociologySup)

The Sociology Guy (@thesociologyguy)

Suggestions

These are **suggestions** of things you may want to explore now that you might have a little more free time



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	<p> www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches https://www.channel4.com/programmes/dispatches/on-demand/68553-001 </p>	<p> Poor Kids: Life on the Breadline (Child Poverty Documentary) Real Stories www.ted.com/talks?topics%5B%5D=sociology BBC Panorama </p>
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