

St Paul's Catholic School and Sixth Form



Transition Work for Sixth Form

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AQA Sociology at St Paul's Catholic School and Sixth Form

The purpose of completing the task below....

After completing the task, you teacher will be able to....

Due date: Monday 1st September 2025

Task 1

To research the six key sociological perspectives into what each of these theories, suggests about how society is structured

Task 2

To identify and examine, the work (theories) of the following key Sociologists

Task 3

To research contemporary examples, using the News and Current affairs on key topic areas, that you will be studying.

Specification: AQA A Level Sociology

Links to websites: [AQA | Subjects | Sociology](#)

[Families and Households Topic Videos | Collections | Sociology | tutor2u](#)

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1

Research and outline the main points of the following six sociological perspectives, that you will be studying throughout year 12:

- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminism
- Post Modernism
- Weberianism
- Personal Life Perspective

You will need to include specialist words, such as consensus, conflict, ideology for the relevant viewpoints.

I would avoid trying this, I would prefer it handwritten – this could be done as a poster, a mind-map.

[Sociology Central: resources](#) scroll down the bottom section (theories)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFQIIM8IRZU>

– Interactionism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jOZqVnQmdY>

- Functionalism

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0GFSUu5UzA>

<https://youtu.be/QqsP0vQJJ44?si=6Pm5sinujtdQTwhL>

-Postmodernism

[The Sociology Show – Podcast – Podtail](#)

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Research the work (theories) of the following Sociologists, You must research each of them and make around half a page of summary notes in your own words for each sociologist. I.e. Who are they, what did they research? What are their views? Any key findings.

Emile Durkheim - Functionalism

Talcott Parsons – Functionalism

George Murdock - Functionalism

Karl Marx - Marxism

Max Weber - Weberian

Anne Oakley - Feminism

Becky Francis - Feminism

Tony Sewell- n/a

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Task

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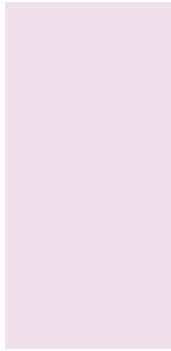
Finally in Task 3, it is also necessary to look at contemporary society using societal examples:

The following task is getting you to start thinking about areas of study in Sociology. It is important that you keep up to date with the News around you and have an interest in the society that we live in – as examiner's credit use of contemporary examples, built into sociological material.

1. Key topics-For this task, please find and cut out two newspapers articles relating to any of the following areas: -
Family diversity (different types of family structure)
Marriage, Divorce, Cohabitation,
Poverty,
Childhood
Demographic trends in Society
Domestic labour – responsibilities, childcare, paid work

Once you have picked the news articles, I want you to think about what they illustrate, what it suggests about the society that we live in in preparation of a class discussion, think about how the media portrays the article/ story.

2. Key perspectives: I would like you to have a think about the following key sociological perspectives, you have researched into earlier; how might they link to the theories below. -
Marxism,
Functionalism,
Feminism



You could do this in the form of a poster for example; however, I will leave it upto. You do need to be prepared to feedback to the class, myself or a small group the information which you have found out.