

Learning objectives

- ❑ To understand key information about Sociology A Level
- ❑ To be made aware of the key expectations.

Key words:

- Specification
- Subject content
- Scheme of assessment



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Starter

What do you think sociology is?

In your pairs
discuss what
you think
sociology might
be?



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Sociology is ...

The study of society, large groups of people and individuals.

It studies why people behave in the way that they do and how SOCIETY and the INSTITUTIONS such as the Government and education influence the way the way that you are.

It is NOT they study of how your mind makes you the way you are... that's PSYCHOLOGY.



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What is Sociology A Level?

A-level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all.

What skills will I learn?

- the use of evidence to support your arguments
- how to investigate facts and use deduction
- critical thinking
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What are sociologists interested in?

They are interested in using research methods to study patterns and trends in society and behaviour so they can make generalisations such as ...

‘Lone parent families create criminals’

‘Girls are more likely to do better at school’

‘ There is a link between low literacy levels and drug taking’

‘Afro- Caribbean males are less likely to do well in school’

‘Women do more housework than men’



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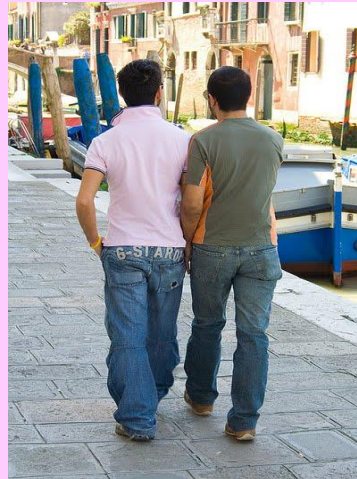
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Some of the ways we group people together in society



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How can this behaviour be seen as a problem for society?



Might this group have been more likely to be involved in crime?



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How is this linked to...

A persons family?

A persons education?



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How might living in this area lead you to be less successful at school?

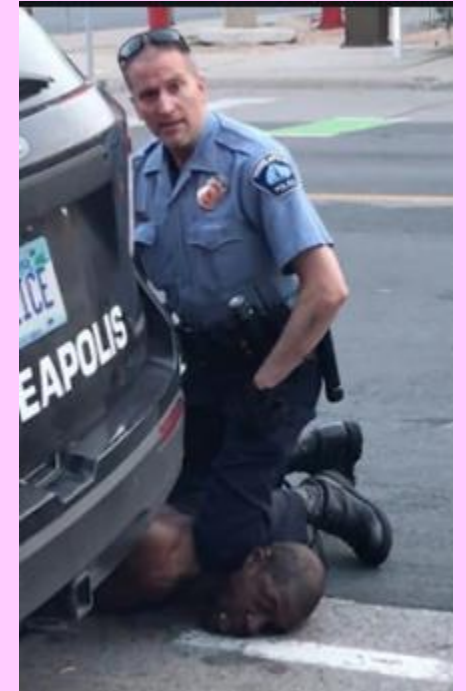


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Working in small groups, mind map some ideas of what caused these people to behave the way they did and how it could impact on the individuals and society

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What is the overview of the course and how will it be delivered over the two years?



The Specification you are studying:
AS Level: 7191 (1 year course)
A Level: 7192 (2 year course)

Unit and course details:	Education with Theory and Methods	Option 1 Families and Households Option 2 Beliefs in Society	Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
Scheme of assessment	Paper 1: 2 hour written exam in May 2022 33.3% of A Level	Paper 2: 2 hour written exam in May 2022 33.3% of A Level	Paper 3: 2 hour written exam in May 2022 33.3% of A Level
When will I study this unit?	September – December 2020	Option 1: December – May 2021 Option 2: September – November 2021	November – March 2022



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What are the important details about this qualification that I need to be aware of?

- You will study this qualification for two years
- You will require the Napier Press text book for Sociology Book 1 for Y12 and Book 2 for Y13
- This subject is assessed by 3 - 2 hour written examinations at the end of the course in Y13
- This is an essay based subject.



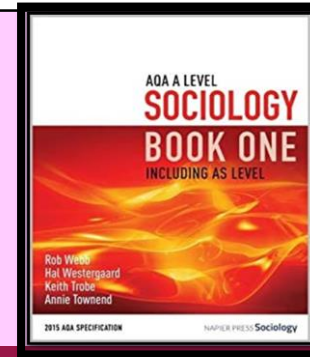
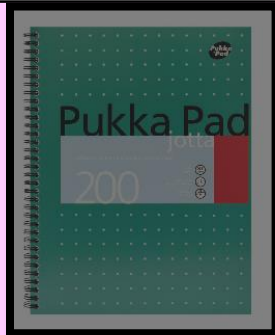
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What do you need to do to be successful in Sociology A Level?

- You will require an A4 folder for each of the three topic areas studied
- In addition to normal stationery get at least 10 file dividers for each of the sub topics in the topic areas
- You will need a pad of A4 lined paper (margin whole punched not narrow lined)
- Some students like to have a set of blank flash cards to make summary revision cards at the end of each sub-topic
- You will need to purchase the A Level Napier Press Sociology Book 1 (details of how to buy this or download a copy for free will be available later)



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What do you need to do to be successful in Sociology A Level?

1. Keep organised
2. Don't be afraid to ask questions
3. Understand your strengths and weaknesses
4. Work on your exam technique
5. Read around the subject



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What will I be studying in Sociology during the first half term from September to October?

Education with theory and methods:

What will I study?

- Education and methods in context: You'll consider the role of education in society. For example as part of your studies you'll look into gender and ethnicity differences in school achievement. You'll also learn how to apply your own sociology research methods to the study of education.
- Research methods: You'll learn how to conduct your own sociological research, from interviews to reviewing documents and official statistics.



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Where could Sociology A Level take you?

Sociology is a great choice of subject for people who want a career in social work, nursing or medicine. But the subject is also useful in a number of other careers, like marketing, advertising, PR, journalism, law or teaching.

Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top six degree courses taken by students who have an A-level in sociology are:

- Sociology
- Psychology
- English studies
- Business studies
- Law
- Teaching

“Sociology examines a wide variety of topics which can be taken forward and applied in a number of different careers. I found the subject of society and work to be really interesting and decided I wanted to pursue an HR related career. My background in sociology has given me transferable skills, particularly with the analysis of information. This helps me understand the requirements of a diverse range of businesses and to be creative in finding solutions for their staffing needs.”

Alex, Senior Project Manager working for a recruitment solutions provider



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Change your perspective of society with AS and A-level Sociology

Studying sociology can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Social work
- Human resources
- Advertising
- Policing
- Marketing
- Journalism
- Law
- Teaching.



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What Skills will I Learn?

A-level Sociology will help you develop a range of skills that will benefit you, whether you decide to go on to further study or the working world, including:

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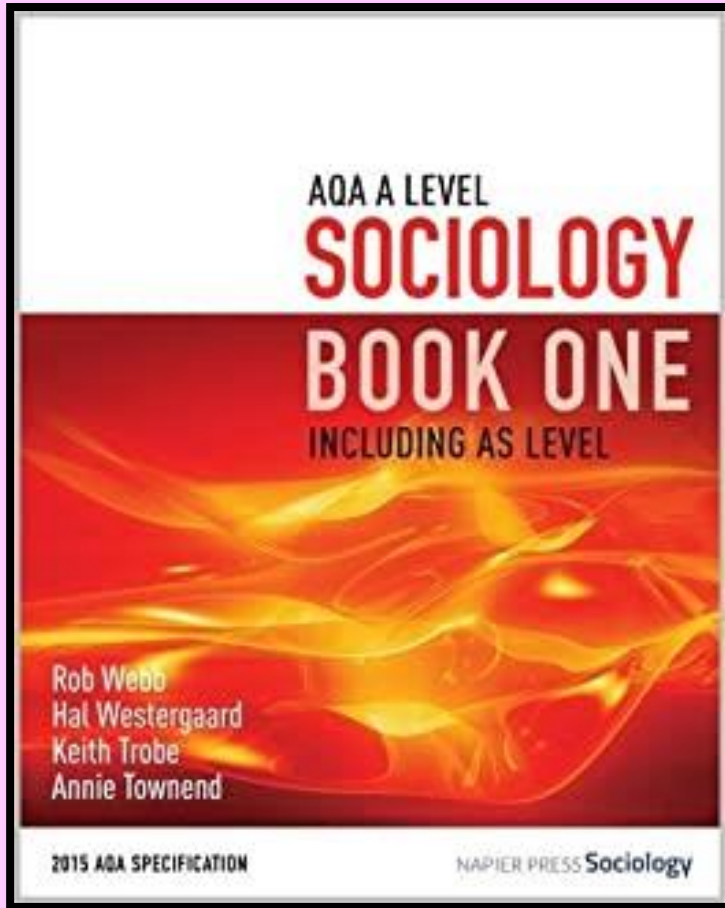
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Everybody reads



AQA A level Sociology Book
One including AS Level

ISBN: 9780954007911

Rules

- ✓ **Everyone is silent.**
- ✓ **Everyone is reading.**
- ✓ **Everyone notes down new/ unfamiliar words.**
- ✓ **Everyone tries without help.**



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Homework

Chapter 1 What is sociology?

Research Cannibalism as a norm

In some cultures and in some circumstances, cannibalism is a cultural norm.

A. Using the web links below (or others), find definitions for the following types of cannibalism:

1. exocannibalism
2. endocannibalism
3. necro-cannibalism

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannibalism>

<http://www.deathreference.com/Bl-Ce/Cannibalism.html>

B. The Korowai people of Papua New Guinea practice endocannibalism. Use the web links to research the reasons why these people eat human flesh.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korowai_people

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-Vtk2dDkl8>

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/sleeping-with-cannibals-128958913/>

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End & send

Thank you.

We look forward to meeting you all in September.

If you have any questions please email:

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Expectations

- ✓ **All equipment away**
- ✓ **All rubbish in the bin**
- ✓ **Everybody leaves in a calm manner.**



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