




Thankyou for choosing to study Sociology at King Egbert School with Mrs Lee
We study the AQA Sociology specification:
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>

- This pack contains activities and resources to prepare you to start an A Level Sociology in September.
- You will need to complete these tasks in full and have it in your folder at the start of the year.
- You will need to fill in your ne starter questionnaire and read the course booklet before September.
- If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email me: alee@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk

The start of the course includes **‘An introduction to sociology’**. You will learn a range of key concepts and theories to help you understand the basics before we start the topics, as it is a new subject for everyone.

Watch this video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio> begin your sociological learning.

We then study the following topics in this order: **Compulsory completion of tasks 1-6** will help to prepare you to start the course.

Culture and Identity Topic	Task 1 – Culture and Identity
<p>This is the study of different conceptions of culture - does the UK have a distinct culture?</p> <p>The socialisation process – how do we learn the rules of society?</p> <p>The self, identity – who do people define themselves and how much power do others have over our identity?</p> <p>The relationship of identity to age, disability, ethnicity, gender, nationality, sexuality and social class – how do these impact our identity?</p> <p>The relationship of identity to globalisation – do we form our identity from global influences?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watch this: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vW2nFd3i2bo 2. Define the term culture. 3. Define the term socialisation. 4. Define the term identity. 5. Draw a picture of yourself and label it. What labels do you give it? E.g. Student, musician 

Education Topic includes:	Task 2 – Education
<p>The role and functions of the education system</p> <p>Differential educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary society</p> <p>Relationships and processes within schools</p> <p>The significance of educational policies</p> <p>The impact of globalisation on educational policy.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the difference between a grammar school, a private school and a comprehensive school. 2. Apart from the ability to pass exams, make a list of what else school as taught you. 3. Research – what is a recent change that has occurred in education? You can find out about a policy change in primary, secondary or university provision

Research Methods Topic	Task 3 – Research Methods
<p>To understand the methods used by sociologists use to study groups in society to form their theories.</p> <p>Primary Methods such as questionnaires interviews and observations.</p> <p>Secondary methods such as statistics and documents.</p>	<p>Visit this website to read about the research methods used: https://revisesociology.com/2016/01/03/research-methods-sociology/</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the difference between qualitative and quantitative data? 2. What is a longitudinal study?

Theory and Methods Topic includes:	Task 4 – Sociological Theory
<p>To understand the different theoretical perspectives in sociology.</p> <p>To be able to understand the debates in sociology.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watch the video on YouTube: a. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=32KG_ba_NJc <p>Write down 5-10 things that explain 'what is sociology'.</p> <p>Be ready to discuss this in September.</p>

Crime and Deviance Topic includes:	Task 5 – Crime and Deviance
<p>Crime, deviance, social order and social control</p> <p>The social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class, including recent patterns and trends in crime</p> <p>Globalisation and crime in contemporary society; the media and crime; green crime; human rights and state crimes</p> <p>Crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explain the difference between the definition of a crime and the definition of deviance. 2. Write down the reasons that an individual may decide to commit a crime. 3. Watch this video then explain some reasons for the increase in knife crime. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SxCBShlb-o


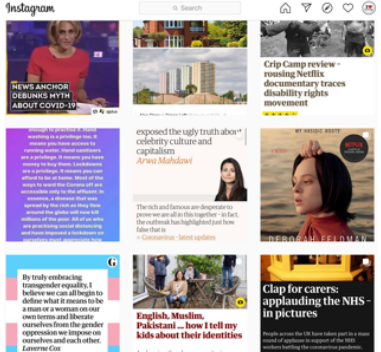
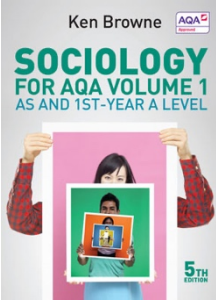

Media Topic includes:	Task 6 - Media
<p>The new media and their significance</p> <p>Who owns and controls the media</p> <p>The processes of selection and presentation of the content of the news</p> <p>Media representations of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability</p> <p>The impact of the media on audiences.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Watch/ read the news / follow the Guardian and BBC on Instagram/twitter 2. Download a news app and set it to give you alerts. 3. Bring in a newspaper article that you think is relevant to sociology. 4. Choose something from the read/watch list as many as you want!


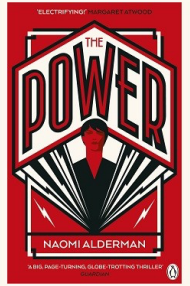
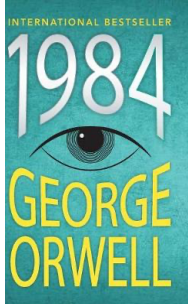

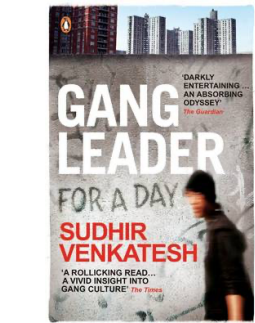
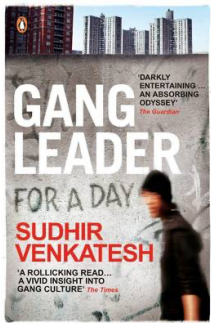

Read/Follow/Watch List: Use these lists to inspire you to see the world in a different way.


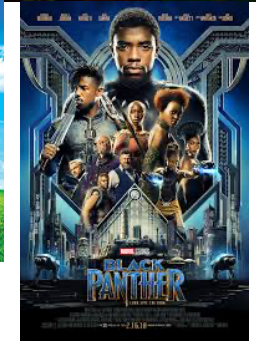
Edit your social media to be informative and enlightening. Find out what is going on in the world through the news. Use your time to read some books and watch films or series that enable you to question as well as be entertained.

Optional task 1: Create a report or poster about one or more of the contents below. You could pick a theme such as inequality, media effects or globalisation.

Optional Task 2: Research the debate question(s) and present the arguments in any way you choose.

<p>Sociology on Instagram</p>	<div data-bbox="336 577 715 689">  <p>sociologykes Follow</p> <p>206 posts 502 followers</p> <p>Mrs Lee Sociology teacher in Sheffield.</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.instagram.com/sociologykes/ • https://www.instagram.com/thesociologyguy/ • https://www.instagram.com/thesociologyteacher/ • https://www.instagram.com/simplepolitics/ • https://www.instagram.com/mrsociologist209/ • https://www.instagram.com/allsociology/ <div data-bbox="1107 577 1489 927">  </div>
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<p>Podcasts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://guiltyfeminist.com 'The guilty feminist' • https://www.georgethepoet.com 'Have you heard George's podcast' • https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07r5zg0 'What makes us human' • https://www.channel4.com/news/topic/ways-to-change-the-world 'Ways to change the world'

Fiction Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1984 – George Orwell • Animal farm – George Orwell • Power – Naomi Alderman • High society – Ben Elton • The Trial – Franz Kafka • Hunger games (trilogy) – Suzanne Collins • Americanah – Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie • To kill a mockingbird – Harper Lee • Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine – Gail Honeyman • Vox – Christina Dalcher • Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck • The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood • We Need to Talk About Kevin – Lionel Shriver • Generation X – Douglas Coupland • A thousand splendid suns - Khalid Hosseini • Brave New World – Aldous Huxley • The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood 	   
Non-Fiction Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natives – Akala • The Good Immigrant – Nikesh Shukla • Everyday sexism – Laura Bates • How to be a woman – Caitlin Moran • Freakonomics - Stephen J. Dubner and Steven Levitt • Invisible women – Caroline Criado Perez • The Guilty Feminist – Deborah Francis-White • Chavs:– Owen Jones • The Establishment– Owen Jones • A Brief History of Capitalism – Yanis Varoufakis • Stupid white men – Michael Moore • Folk Devils and Moral Panics – Stanley Cohen • A Glasgow Gang Observed – Patrick James • Gang Leader for A Day – Sudhir Venkatesh • A Glasgow gang observed – James Patrick • Learning to Labour – Paul Willis • Outsiders: Studies in Sociology of Deviance – Howard S Becker • Tearoom trade:– Laud Humphreys • https://is.muni.cz/el/1423/podzim2013/GEN107/um/HUMPHREYS.pdf • Sociology Review Magazine 	   
Watch list, films, TV and documentaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentaries, including Panorama, Louis Theroux, Stacey Dooley, Mind of a Murderer, Education Essex/Yorkshire • I, Daniel Blake (Amazon Prime) • Years and Years (BBC i-player) • The 'Up' series (eg. 56 Up, 63 Up - on Netflix or Youtube) • The Secret Life of 5 year olds (Channel 4 series) • Black Mirror • McMafia (Netflix) • Freedom Writer's Diary (Amazon Prime) • When They See Us (Netflix) • The Society (Netflix) 	 

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pixar's 'A Bug's Life or Antz' (for Marxism) • Made in Dagenham (BBC i-player) • Wonder (Netflix) • The Wife (Netflix) • Little Miss Sunshine • Suffragette • Brave New World • 1984 • Fight Club • The Matrix • Bladerunner • Boys don't cry • Erin Brovovich • The help • The color purple • Black Panther • Richard Dawkins - Enemies of Reason (Channel 4) • The Handmaid's Tale – Netflix • Genius of the Modern World - Marx (BBC) • Miss Representation (Netflix) • The Mask You Live In (Netflix) • White Slums (BBC) • Dear White People (Netflix) • The Good Place (Netflix) 	    
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Debate questions to get you thinking:	Analyse and evaluate the arguments for and against below:	
	For:	Against:
Should the death penalty be reinstated in the UK? https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14402195		
Do we still need feminism? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLYV2DBKDHs		
Should we trial universal income in the UK? https://www.wired.co.uk/article/can-universal-basic-income-fix-the-coronavirus-crisis		
Should we send aid to foreign countries? https://www.concern.org.uk/news/unboxing-myths-foreign-aid		
Should we abolish private schools in the UK? https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-49798861		

