



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

Sociology A Level

Purpose of task:

To gain knowledge and understanding of some of the key sociological terms used in Unit 1 Families and Households.

To develop and practise the skill of 'thinking sociologically' by thinking critically about the formation of gender roles in society.

Task:

Task 1: Use the internet or local library to find definitions to the key sociological terms.

Task 2: Think critically about the formation of gender roles in society to activate your sociological imagination. Come prepared to discuss your thoughts in the first week of term.

Recommended resources:

Use the internet (Wikipedia?) to search for definitions of key terms.

Visit some of the websites below to find out more about sociology and the course.

We follow the AQA syllabus and study: Families and Households and Education and Research Methods in year 1.

Watch the news and read a good newspaper regularly to stay up-to-date with world affairs and current news issues.

Additional Information:

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology.aspx>

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology>

http://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/wiki/A-Level_Sociology

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-2190/spec-at-a-glance>

Welcome to Sociology!! A wise and exciting choice of subject to study.....Firstly, given that you are new to the subject, Sociology studies everyday life. Sociologists aim to raise questions about social life and our world today – about how people live and why people live as they do and issues about how we live.

Sociology is concerned with peoples, groups, cultures, societies and their patterns, variations and problems. It aims to understand and explain human actions. It employs a wide range of interesting research methods such as interviews, questionnaires and observations to investigate and answer crucial questions about society and social life. It tries to link past, present and future. It is about the experiences we have, living our lives with other people in contemporary society.

The following work should get you thinking sociologically and to prepare you for the first terms work. Make sure you bring this work with you to the first lessons of the year where you will discuss and compare your ideas in groups.

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 11th September 2017

1) Use the internet; answer these questions to understand some key terms in sociology:

What is Socialisation?

What are the two types of socialisation?

Which groups or institutions are involved in socialisation?

What are norms, values, roles?

Identify a shared value in British society.

Identify a social norm in British society.

Name two roles you play.

2) Getting you thinking: Gender Roles and social norms:

Consider the following questions and come prepared to discuss your ideas in a group setting.

Does childhood and play prepare boys and girls for different roles in adult life?

What expectations are there of boys and girls in your experience?

What role does socialisation play in the formation of gender roles? Which agents are involved in this?



What do these classic children's toys tell us about gender roles and the process of socialisation?

Recommended reading & activities list:

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