

AQA A Level Sociology Sixth Form Transition Booklet



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Specification details	7192 www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/specification-at-a-glance
Recommended online learning	revisesociology.com simplysociology.com www.hectic-teacher.co.uk/sociology-support
Textbook Options (these are not compulsory to purchase)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collins: Book One/Book Two <div data-bbox="619 719 1219 1093"> </div> Ken Browne: Book One/Book Two <div data-bbox="624 1173 1206 1532"> </div> AQA: Book One/Book Two (PLEASE NOTE – these books do not contain the culture & identity unit, and the media unit you will study) <div data-bbox="619 1680 1166 1998"> </div>

Welcome to A Level Sociology!

You have chosen a subject that will change the way you look at the world around you, challenging you to think critically and re-consider the pre-conceived notions of society you already hold. Each topic will require you to study the classical sociological theories and apply them to the contemporary world around you. There is never 'one-way' of looking at things in sociology, it is all about taking different perspectives into account, which will also build your analytical skills (which are highly valued by universities and employers!)

Overview of the course:

This is a two-year course. There are 3 A Level papers that are sat at the end of year 13, each 2-hous long. Overall grades are recorded on a scale A*-E.

Year 12:

- Culture and Identity
- Education
- Research Methods

Year 13:

- The Media
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

Look at the specification for more detail about these topics. You can find this at:
www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/specification-at-a-glance

Expectations of the course:

- Lessons consist of taking notes, group discussions, group work and PowerPoint presentations. Please bring a folder to your first lesson – you'll eventually need one for each topic. Folder checks will take place regularly throughout the year.
- Homework consists of activities, note making, wider reading, research, past exam questions, power points and essays. It is expected that about 5 hours a week will be spent on sociology homework.
- Your progress will be reviewed on a regular basis. The review process will provide feedback at specific times throughout the year.
- You are expected to use the resources available to you in the library and are strongly encouraged to use libraries outside of school, not just the internet.
- USE YOUR STUDY TIME AND BE PRO-ACTIVE. This is a content-heavy course and you MUST be revising content CONTINUOUSLY.

Task 1:

Conduct some independent research and form a definition of what sociology is
IN YOUR OWN WORDS!

Sociology is...

Task 2:

The social institutions below, among others, form the structure of society. Sociologists argue that they influence how society is structured and managed. Note down what you think the role of each institution is in society.

Social Institution	Role in Society
The Family	
The Media	
Education	
The Government	
Religion	

Task 3:

Watch the TedTalk by Sam Richards

(Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWD6g9CV_sc&t=3s)

Note down 5 things that you find interesting:

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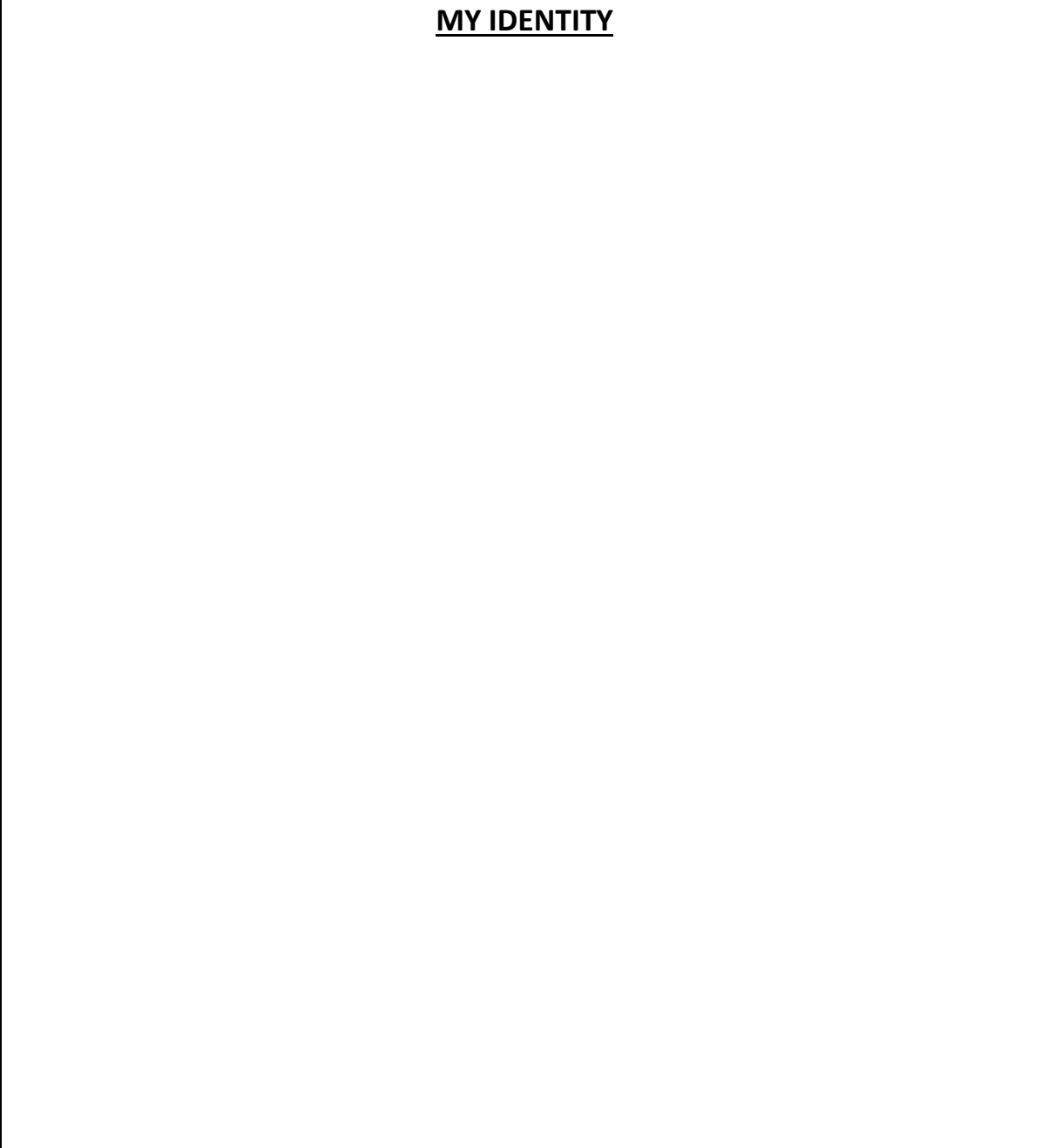
Task 4:

The first topic you will study is 'Culture and Identity'.

Start thinking about what makes up your own identity.

Draw a picture/diagram/image of any kind that represents all the aspects of your own identity:

MY IDENTITY



Task 5:

Crime refers to behaviours which are against the law (at the time at which they are committed and in the place in which they're committed), so it includes killing someone on purpose, stealing from shops, smoking cigarettes in pubs and using a mobile phone whilst driving.

However, 'deviance' is not the same as crime. Deviance refers to behaviour which is against 'social norms' (i.e. is socially inappropriate and against what is expected of people) and is widely frowned upon.

Therefore, murder and the wearing of peculiar clothing to a funeral are both 'deviant', despite them not both being criminal.

This is mind, study the following table and tick whether each behaviour is criminal, deviant, neither or both. Add your own ideas to the blank rows:

Social behaviour	Crime	Deviance	Neither
Kissing your best friend's girlfriend			
Smoking cannabis at a music festival			
Playing Candy Crush at a funeral			
A homosexual relationship			
Being over-changed and keeping the money			
Hiding money under your bed to avoid tax			
Burping loudly in a restaurant			
A male teacher who's a drag queen			
Being married to two women			
Parking on yellow lines to pop into a shop			
An adult getting drunk at home			
A man shouting abuse in the street			
Murdering a neighbour over loud music			
Being rude to a teacher who's trying to help			
Having sex with someone who's nearly 16			
Driving on the left side of the road in the UK			
Taking printer paper home from work			
Driving 100mph on a motorway			

