



# SOCIOLOGY

**Course: AQA Sociology**

## INTRODUCTION

Sociology is the study of society; it is an essay based subject that challenges your thoughts and drives your inquisitive nature. To excel in the subject you will be expected to draw on your societal knowledge and understanding.

## OUTLINE

The Year 1 covers the topics of:

1. What is sociology and some key themes that you will learn throughout the course (Culture, norms and values, inequality, class, gender and ethnicity)
2. Sociological theory
3. Research methods
4. Family and households
5. Education

In these preparation resources, you will be completing some tasks to provide you with a wider understanding of the topics that you will study with us.

## TASK: What is Sociology?

It is defined as the 'study of society, people and behaviour' but what does that mean? To help do this, watch these clips and make some notes of why you think it is relevant.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LK5J0-cM-HE>

<https://youtu.be/7ZJIFxDavpc>

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

As you watch each clip is useful to analyse, and this can be done through statements such as:

- I noticed...
- I have realised...
- I was surprised ...
- I begin to understand...
- I Love the way...
- I am not sure about...
- A question I have...

## WHAT TO LISTEN TO

<https://www.spreaker.com/user/thesociologyshow/stusocforfirsttime>

This podcast will give you a little bit more about what Sociology is, what you will study and what you can do with a Sociology qualification.

## WHAT TO READ

**Natives:** Race & Class In the Ruins of Empire by Akala  
[Amazon.co.uk : natives - akala](https://www.amazon.co.uk/natives-akala)

## TRY IT OUT

Why rich kids are so good at the marshmallow test. Read the article and answer the questions.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/family/archive/2018/06/marshmallow-test/561779/>

**Questions:** Define immediate gratification and delayed gratification. What does the most recent research tell us about delayed gratification? How does this link to family structures?