

# A Level Sociology

## Part A - Bridging Work Task

This is a fantastic opportunity to expand your understanding of Sociology as you prepare for enrolment and start at Franklin in September.

Please complete the work and bring a copy to your enrolment, either printed or electronically.

The work will take around **2 hours**, so plan your time to best suit you.

<b>How do I complete and submit my task?</b>	<p>Complete the tasks on paper/handwritten or digitally and bring a copy either paper or electronically to your enrolment appointment, also take this to your first lesson in September.</p> <p>If you did not attend the Taster Day don't worry – this isn't essential for completing this work but, please ensure that you have completed this bridging work.</p>
<b>Introduction to your Bridging Task</b>	Key Theories and Concepts for Sociology
<b>Task details</b>	<p>You will be looking at a number of sociological theories and key concepts that are central to the study of this subject. Don't worry if it doesn't all make sense at first, this is just to introduce you to some of the ideas.</p> <p><b>Sociological Theories</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Research the following theories:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Functionalism</li><li>b) Marxism</li><li>c) Feminism</li></ol></li><li>2) For each theory note down:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) How does this theory think society works?</li><li>b) Is society based on agreement/disagreement? Why?</li></ol></li><li>3) For each of the three theories, what would they think the purpose of education is?</li></ol> <p><b>Social Class</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4) What is social class?</li><li>5) How has social class in the UK changed?</li><li>6) Identify features/characteristics of the following classes:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Upper class</li></ol></li></ol>

	<p>b) Middle class c) Working class</p> <p>7) How does social class affect an individual's experience of society?</p> <p><b>Ethnicity</b></p> <p>8) What is ethnicity? 9) How does ethnicity affect an individual's experience of society?</p>
<p><b>Resources to help you with the Bridging Task</b></p>	<p>If you search for Tutor2u's introduction to Sociology videos on YouTube, these are really useful.</p> <p>These videos will help with the tasks on theories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuUX2-eByrc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vuUX2-eByrc</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iaazUBqWzl">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iaazUBqWzl</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQOlpl4mUg&amp;t=198s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQOlpl4mUg&amp;t=198s</a></li> </ul> <p>You can also use the following websites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://revisesociology.com/introduction-to-sociology/">https://revisesociology.com/introduction-to-sociology/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/what-is-social-class-introduction-to-a-level-sociology">https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/what-is-social-class-introduction-to-a-level-sociology</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/what-is-ethnicity-introduction-to-a-level-sociology">https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/reference/what-is-ethnicity-introduction-to-a-level-sociology</a></li> </ul> <p>You can also use any other research sources and materials you wish.</p>
<p><b>Extension Tasks</b></p>	
<p><b>Extension Tasks to stretch and challenge you</b></p>	<p>This free online course from Tutor2u looks at a range of the introductory ideas you will be looking at in the first week of the course:</p> <p><a href="https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/introduction-to-aqa-a-level-sociology-getting-started">https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/introduction-to-aqa-a-level-sociology-getting-started</a></p>
<p><b>Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)</b></p>	<p>You might enrol on these online courses and complete the following to push you a little further (this is optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/what-is-sociology">https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/what-is-sociology</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/social-model-of-disability">https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/social-model-of-disability</a></li> </ul>

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# Part B – Preparing for Studying at Franklin

A fantastic opportunity to widen your understanding of the course.

<b>Examining Board and Specification</b>	<p>This course follows the AQA A Level Sociology specification.</p> <p>AQA website, including the full specification: <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192</a></p> <p><b>We cover the following topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education</li><li>• Culture &amp; Identity</li><li>• Crime &amp; Deviance</li><li>• The Media</li><li>• Theory &amp; Methods</li></ul> <p><b>Studying this course will give you a wide range of skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal and written communication skills</li><li>• Analytical and evaluative skills</li><li>• Working as a team</li><li>• Problem solving skills</li></ul> <p><b>Progression after this course:</b></p> <p>This qualification will allow you to study a wide range of courses at university, such as Sociology, Social Policy, Psychology, Policing, Criminology, Journalism, International Studies and so on.</p> <p>There are many different career sectors that students go into after studying Sociology, such as teaching, law, journalism, marketing, social research and so on.</p>
<b>Preparing for the course</b>	<p>You will need the following equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Large ring binder folder</li><li>• 5 dividers</li><li>• Black/blue pens</li><li>• Highlighters</li><li>• A4 notepad</li></ul>