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# Summer Work – Transition from Year 11 to Year 12

A Level Subject: Sociology

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Required textbook: (Year 12) Sociology for AQA Volume 1 AS and 1st Year A level – Ken Browne ISBN: 978-0-7456-9130-5

(Year 13) Sociology for AQA Volume 2 2nd Year A level – Ken Browne ISBN:978-0-7456-9694

Useful sources:

Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/specification-at-a-glance>

Past Papers: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers&f.Resource+type%7C6=Mark+schemes>

Revision: <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/collections>

Equipment List:

At least 2x A4 Strong Ring binder/ Arch Lever Folders

Highlighters of various colours

Pens

Pencils

A4 Lined paper

# Tasks

**Task 1: What is Society?**

In your own words, answer:

1. What is a society?
2. What are social norms? Can you give an example?
3. Why might people behave differently at home compared to at school?

**Extension:** Find an example from news or real life where people challenge social norms (e.g., protests, campaigns).

**Task 2: Key Word Hunt**

Using the Topic Companion or internet research, find simple definitions for:

* Society
* Norms
* Values
* Culture
* Socialisation
* Family
* Education
* Social Class
* Gender
* Inequality

**Extension:** Choose one word and give a real-life example.

**Task 3: Meet the Sociologists**

Look up one of these key thinkers:

* Emile Durkheim
* Karl Marx
* Ann Oakley

Find out:

1. When they lived
2. What they believed about society
3. Why their ideas still matter today

**Extension:** Find a quote from them and explain what it means in simple terms.

**Task 4: The Big Debate — Fair or Unfair?**

Think about this question:

"Does everyone in society have the same opportunities to succeed?"

Write a short answer explaining:

* One reason society might be fair
* One reason society might be unfair

**Extension:** How might education affect people’s chances in life?

**Task 5: Family Life — Then and Now**

Families come in all shapes and sizes. In your own words:

1. What is a family?
2. List three ways families have changed over time.
3. Why do some people argue that the family is important for society?

**Extension:** Can you think of any problems that happen within families?

**Task 6: Education and You**

Think about your school experience:

1. What skills have you learned that will help in adult life?
2. Do you think school is fair for everyone? Explain your answer.
3. What do you think the purpose of school is?

**Extension:** How could school be improved to help all students?

**Task 7: Create a Glossary**

Pick at least five of these words and create a revision card for each:

* Society
* Inequality
* Socialisation
* Capitalism
* Feminism
* Norms
* Values
* Social Class
* Patriarchy
* Family

**Extension:** Write a sentence using each word in context.

**Task 8: Research Project — Inequality in Society**

Use news websites or ask people around you:

1. Find an example of inequality (unfair treatment of a group).
2. Summarise what happened and who was affected.
3. How does this link to the idea that society is unequal?

**Extension:** Suggest one way society could become fairer.

**Task 9: Big Questions**

Answer these in your own words:

* Why do we have rules in society?
* Should men and women always have the same roles in families?
* Is it fair that some people are very rich while others are poor?

**Extension:** Think of your own big Sociology question to explore in Year 12.

**Task 10: Quick Quiz**

1. What is Sociology?
2. Name one famous Sociologist.
3. Give an example of a family that’s different from the ‘nuclear family’.
4. What is meant by ‘education system’?
5. What is ‘inequality’?

**Extension:** Add two quiz questions of your own.