



Knowledge-based project Sociology



Social Sciences



Researching Sociology

The social world is changing. Some argue it is growing; others say it is shrinking. The important point to grasp is: society does not remain static; it constantly changes – through decades, centuries; and across countries, societies.

This social sciences independent research will provide you with an opportunity to form opinions, as well as consider other perspectives, of the world and the society you live in.

This knowledge-based project invites you to research and consider- Does social class affect academic achievement? Is there an 'ideal' family set up? Why are some areas populated with more crime than others?

Deadline: September

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Topics tracker



Topic focus	Tick when complete	Comments/Questions I have
Society		
What is Sociology?		
Sociological theories		
The Family		
Education		
Crime & Deviance		



Society



<https://www.parliament.uk/about/mps-and-lords/members/parties/>

<http://simplepolitics.co.uk/questions-and-answers/who-are-the-parties-and-what-do-they-stand-for>

Research the 3 main political parties – Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat: What are their main ideas? How are they different?

Conservative	Labour	Liberal democrats



1. Democracy
2. The rule of law
3. Individual liberty
4. Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith



Society

If you were in power, what would your first four items be on your agenda? What would you hope to do? [e.g. tackle knife crime]

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2.

3.

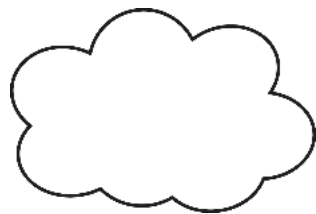
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Society reflections



Something I have found interesting	Questions I have about society
	
Areas of society that I would like to further investigate	Pillar skills I have utilised
	



What is Sociology?



Find the definitions for the following key sociological terms:

<https://sociologydictionary.org/>

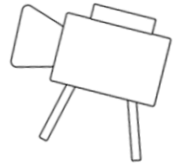
Key word	Definition	Key word in a sentence
Socialisation/ Socialise	The process of learning to behave in a way that is acceptable to society	Children learn primary socialisation from their parents.
Norms		
Values		
Beliefs		
Culture		
Social class		
Gender		
Ethnicity		



What is Sociology?

Watch the video clip on YouTube: What is Sociology? Crash Course Sociology

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



Mind map what you understand about Sociology





Sociology reflections



Something I have found interesting



Questions I have about sociology



Areas of sociology that I would like to further investigate



Pillar skills I have utilised





Sociological theories



A theory, for our purpose, is something that explains the relationship between two or more things. A perspective can be defined as a way of looking at and seeing something. To have a perspective, therefore, means to look at something (whatever that thing might be) in a particular way. When we talk about the sociological perspective, therefore, we are talking about the particular way those sociologists, as opposed to non-sociologists to try to understand human social behaviour.

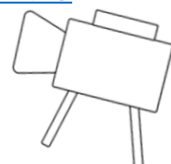
Use the internet to find out about the main sociological theories. For each one summarise the main idea and concepts and the key sociologists (use the following slides to add to your notes):

1. Functionalism
2. Marxism
3. Feminism
4. Which perspective do you agree with; why?

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8dPuuaLjXtMJ-AfB_7J1538YKwKzAnGA

<https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/>

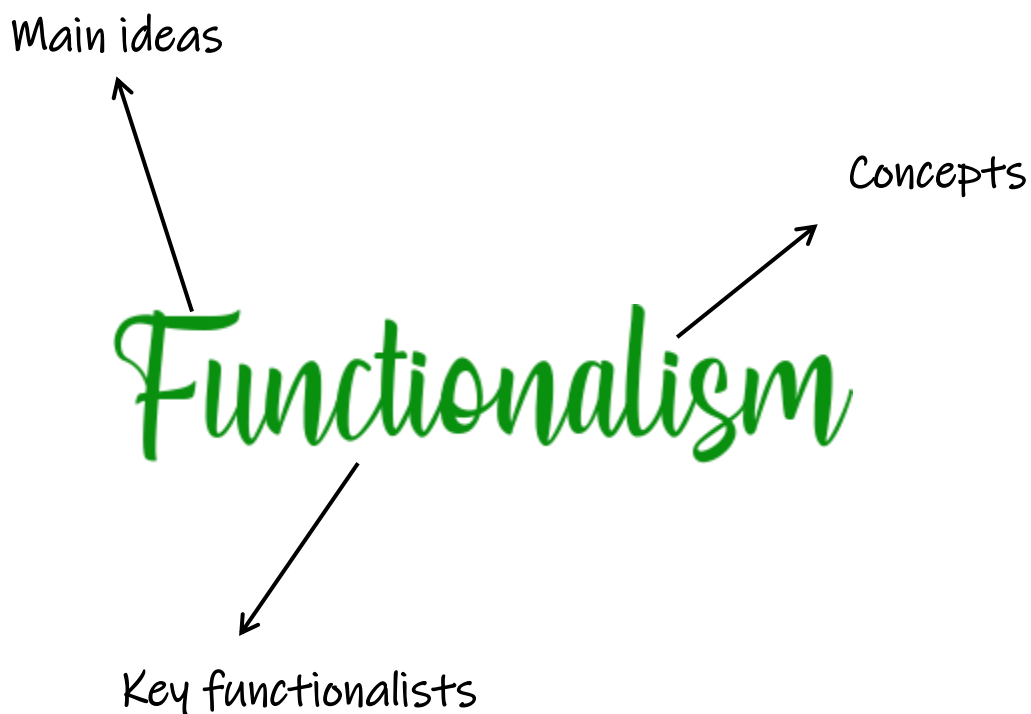
<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/topics/group/theory-methods-key-terms>





Functionalism

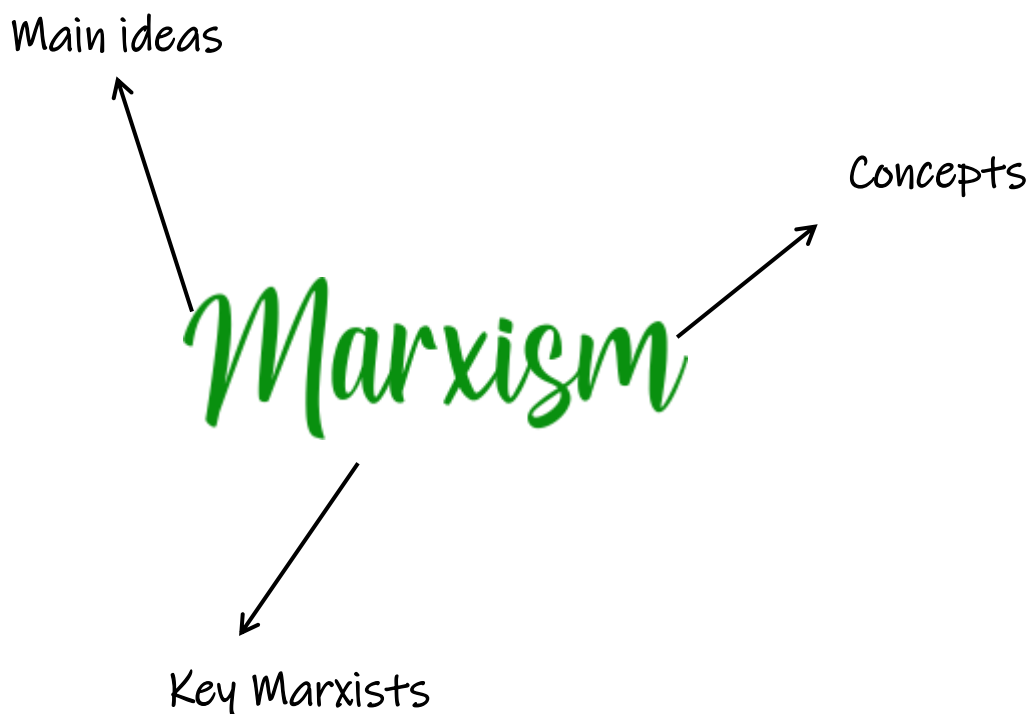
Mind map the main idea, concepts and the key sociologists





Marxism

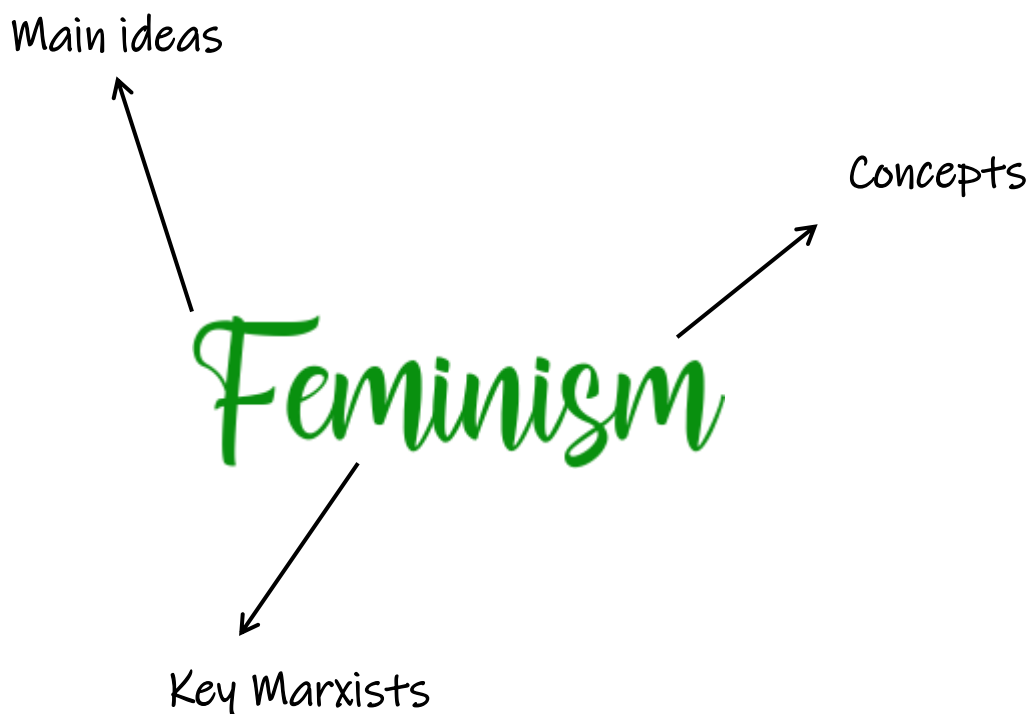
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Feminism





Mind map the main idea, concepts and the key sociologists





Sociological theories reflections




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The Family



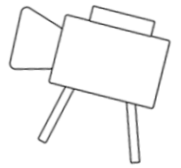
Find the definitions for the following key family terms:

Key word	Definition	Drawing to represent word
Monogamy	Being married to one person at a time	
Polygamy		
Nuclear family		
Extended family		
Empty shell marriage		
Kinship		
Cohabitation		



The Family

Research the changing family in the UK and answer the following questions:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zj8qn39/revision/2>

<https://revisesociology.com/2015/12/17/social-policy-family/>

How has the family structure changed over the past 100 years?

How have the following policies affected the family?

- The Divorce Act 1969 and 1984
- The Paternity Act 2010
- The Civil partnerships Act 2004 and the Marriage (Same-Sex Couples) Act 2013







My family

How would you describe your family structure? Draw your family and they mean to you



The family reflections



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Areas of the family that I would like to further investigate	Pillar skills I have utilised
	



Education

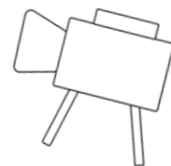


Research the History of Education in the UK and answer the following questions:

<https://www.schoolsmith.co.uk/history-of-education/>

<https://getrevising.co.uk/revision-notes/social-policy-and-education>

1. When did education become compulsory in the UK?



2. Prior to compulsory education, what were the differences in who used to receive schooling?





3. What are the oldest and newest subjects?

4. How have the methods of dealing with behaviour changed over time?



Education reflections



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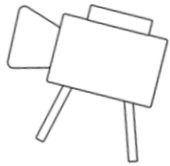


Crime & deviance



Using the internet, research the answers to the following questions:

<https://www.coursehero.com/sg/introduction-to-sociology/defining-crime-in-sociology/>



1. What is a crime?

2. What is deviance?

3. What are laws?

4. What is a white collar crime?

5. What is cybercrime? Name some examples of cybercrimes.

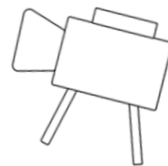
6. What is a hate crime?



Crime & deviance

Go on the following website and research crime in your area or the area near your school.

<https://www.crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode/AL10%208NL>



1. Where does most crime take place?





2. What are the top 3 crimes/offences?

3. Why do you think that those crimes are committed in your area? Think about socio-economic issues and location.



Crime & deviance reflections



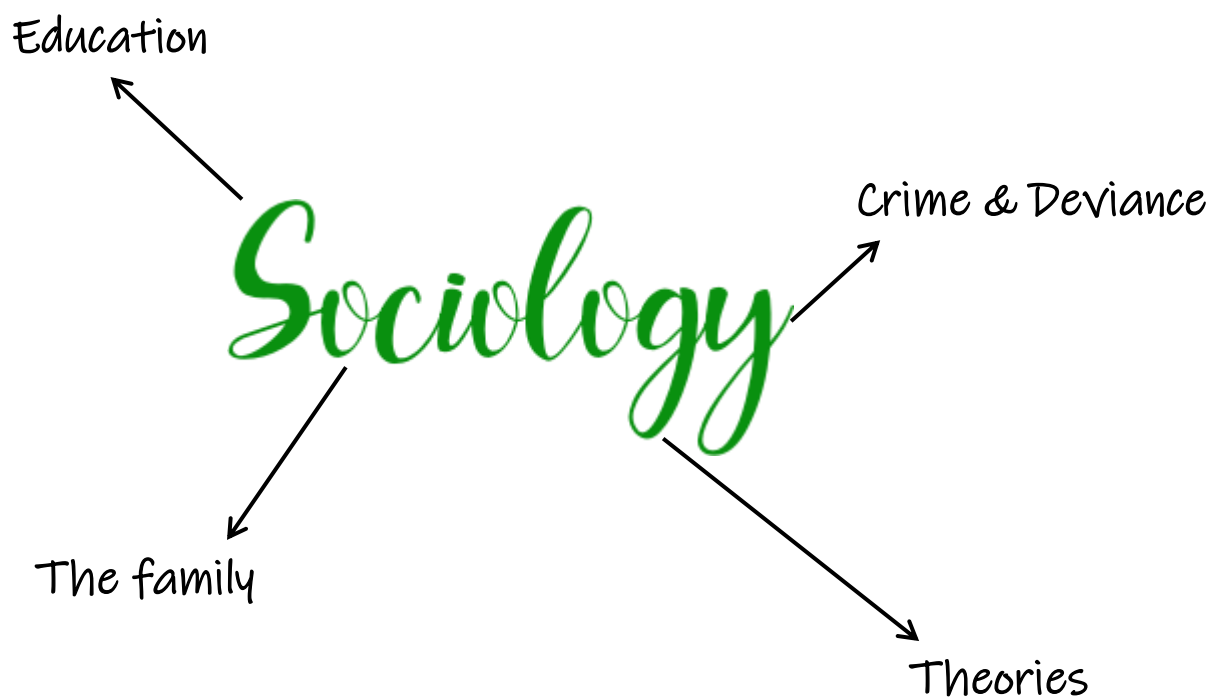
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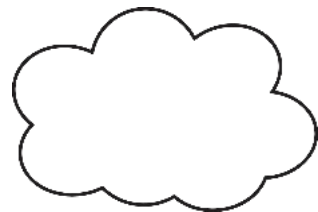
Themes





Mind-map what you have learned about Sociology
[themes, perspectives, key words, research evidence]

Provide you own examples



Final reflections



Questions I have about sociology	Areas that I would like to further investigate
	
Research that interested me the most	Pillar skills I have utilised throughout this project
	



Submitting research

Congratulations!

You have completed this research project!

Please bring this project with you when you join us in September!

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