This research based project is designed to give you an ideal grounding for your A Level Sociology course.

Research and complete the tasks independently over the summer to get a head start and prepare for the key topics within AS (Year one A Level) Sociology.

Present the tasks in any format you like and bring it with you to your first lesson after the summer. Make sure that you include a learning journal in your notes where you can place all summaries.

**PN:** All work should be handwritten and no copy paste from the internet will be accepted.

*Mrs. Jacobs—Look forward to working with you from September*
AS or A Level Year 1

The AQA Course

Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context

What’s assessed
Compulsory content 3.1.1, 3.1.2

Assessed
- 1 hour 30 minutes written exam
- 60 marks
- 50% of AS level

Questions
Education: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks
Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks

Paper 2: Research Methods and Topics in Sociology

What’s assessed
Section A: compulsory content 3.2.1
Section B: one from 3.2.2 Topics in Sociology

Assessed
- 1 hour 30 minutes written exam
- 60 marks
- 50% of AS level

Questions
Section A: short answer and extended writing, 20 marks
Section B: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks

100% Exam (two papers), 0% Coursework

Topics:
- Education
- Methods in Context

Topics:
- Families and Household
- Research Methods
1. Write Definitions for Free Will and Determinism.

2. Research Functionalism and produce a fact sheet outlining the “Organic Analogy”

3. Watch this YouTube clip of The Adjustment Bureau Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZJ0TP4nTaE

   Link this to Functionalism.

4. Summing up... summarising everything that you have discovered about Functionalism.
Task 2: Fiery Feminists...

1. Watch youtube clip: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHPOLSywdi0
   Define all key words from the video clip.

2. Research Feminism and produce a fact sheet outlining definitions and provide examples.

3. Research @/#/EverydaySexism (remember this is a public forum and some content may not be appropriate and the school can take no responsibility over the content)

4. Research examples of gender inequality within the UK in contemporary society.

5. Summing up...
   summarising everything that you have discovered about Feminism

Make sure you explain in detail the following:-:
• What their views are about society?
• Key points:
• Main criticisms
Task 3: Magnificent Marxists...

1. Watch youtube clip: 
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vz3eOb6Yl1s

2. Define all key words on the video clip.

3. Research Marxism and produce a fact sheet outlining the difference between the bourgeoisie and the proletariat.

4. Research examples of class inequality within the UK in contemporary Society.

5. Summing up... summarising everything that you have discovered about Marxism Make notes in your booklet.

Remember you only have 140 characters or 30 words

Make sure you explain in detail the following:-:

- What their views are about society?
- Key points:
- Main criticisms
Task 4: Autonomous Social Action Theorist...

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1. Complete a Summary table for your notes outlining each approach and stating whether they are:
   - **Consensus** or **Conflict Theories**
   - **Macro** or **Micro Approaches**
   - **Structural** or **Social Action**

Ensure that you define each of these key words.

2. From the functionalist task you would have discussed free will vs. determinism. Do we have free will within society? What perspective would Social Action Theorist take on this question?

3. Define Social Action Theorist approach to society.

4. Research Jane Elliot’s “Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes” experiments along with her “Angry Eye” experiment. What would Social Action Theorist say about these experiment and participants?

5. Summing up...

   summarising everything that you have discovered about Social Action Theorists
Task 5: Passionate Post-modernists...

1. Produce a factsheet outlining what post-modernism is and what it says about society?

2. Produce a table outlining the differences between a modern and post-modern society.

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3. Find examples of post-modern changes in society within the Media. For example Same Sex Marriages in the USA.

4. Summing up... summarising everything that you have discovered about Post-modernism.

Include all the information gathered and do a write up about them in your booklet.
The Family Five

There are five main Sociological approaches or perspectives. You have already researched them and explained the key terms.

Now you outline their assumptions regarding the Family as a Sociological institution and tag Sociologists which put forward these ideas.

You should have completed information about each of these Key groups using key words and explaining their views about society, including criticisms. Each should be an A4 size minimum to get all the information.
Useful Resources & Further Reading
To help you on your way...

Websites:
• AQA New Specification –
  http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/introduction
• AQA - Example Assessment Material -
  http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/assessment-resources
• S-Cool Revision Materials -
  http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/sociology
• Every Day Sexism Project -
  http://everydaysexism.com/index.php/about
• Who Needs Feminism -
  http://whoneedsfeminism.com/about.html
• He for She Campaign -  http://www.heforshe.org/

Youtube Videos:
• Emma Watson Addresses the UN
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6XTx2Rg04g

Books:
AQA A-level Sociology: Student Book 1 (4th edition)

Sociology for AQA Volume 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level, 5th edition

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