

Congratulations on choosing A Level Sociology! This subject helps you understand how society works — and how it shapes the world around you.

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This summer homework is designed to: -

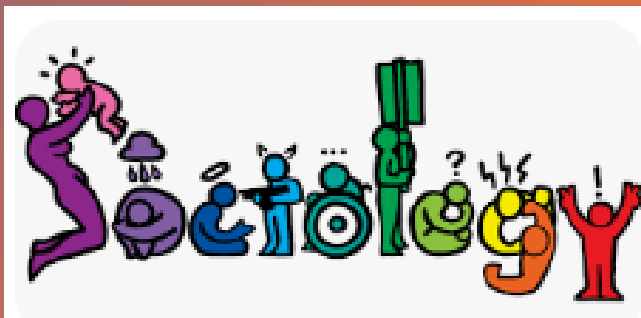
- ✓ Introduce you to sociological thinking
  - ✓ Build skills you'll need in Year 12
  - ✓ Get you thinking like a sociologist
- We have given you a CHOICE and a range of options to suit your interests and passions.

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- To keep you focused on Sociology over the summer you have a choice of tasks to complete and bring with you in September

## Option one. Task 1: What is Sociology?

Create a response to the question:

**“What is Sociology and why does it matter today?”**

**You can present your work as:**

- A short essay (500–700 words)
- A poster or infographic
- A 3–5 minute video or podcast

**Make sure you include:**

- ✓ A clear explanation of what Sociology is (in your own words)
  - ✓ At least **two real-world examples** (e.g. education, crime, family, inequality, media)
  - ✓ At least **one sociological idea, concept or theorist**

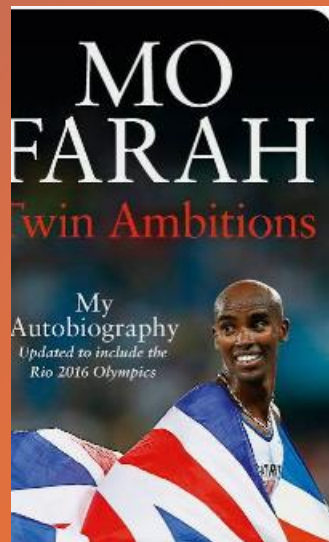
✓ Builds confidence, creativity, and sociological awareness

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## Option 2: **Sociological Autobiography**

### **Task: Your Sociological Story**

Write a short reflection:

**How has society influenced your life?**

**You might include:**

- Your family background
- Your experiences in education
- Your identity (e.g. gender, culture, class, where you live)
- Opportunities and challenges you've experienced

 **Suggested length:** 500–800 words

 You do NOT need to include anything too personal — keep it general and comfortable.

 Encourages reflexive thinking (very A level)

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## Option 3: "News Through a Sociological Lens" Scrapbook

### **Task: Sociology in the News**

Over the summer, find **3 news stories** that link to society.

#### **For each article:**

- Briefly summarise what happened (2–3 sentences)
- Identify the **social issue** (e.g. inequality, gender, education, crime)
- Link it to a **sociological idea** (e.g. norms, values, power, identity)
- Write **one question** it raises

#### **You can present this as:**

- A document
- Slides
- A scrapbook

✓ Encourages habitual sociological thinking

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## Option 4. Key Concepts Glossary (Good for knowledge building)

Create a glossary of **at least 10 key terms**:

- Socialisation
- Culture
- Norms
- Values
- Identity
- Power
- Inequality
- Class
- Gender
- Ethnicity

### For each term:

- ✓ A definition in your own words
  - ✓ A real-life example
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- ✓ Reinforces academic language
  - ✓ Helps Non GCSE students feel prepared

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## **5: Photograph Society**

Take FIVE photographs that represent society.

Ideas:

Identity

Culture

Inequality

Family

Education

Crime

Social media

Globalisation

For each photograph explain:

What does it show?

Why is it sociologically interesting?



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## **The Challenge option- Option 6: Opinion Survey**

Ask at least FIVE people the following questions. Try and get a range of people to answer

- 1) Is society fair?
- 2) Does social media do more harm than good?
- 3) Is crime increasing?
- 4) Do men and women have equal opportunities?

Record their answers and identify any patterns.

Write this up as a brief Sociological report:-

- A) Title
- B) Sample- who did you ask?
- C) Procedure- When and where did you ask them?  
How?
- D) Findings- what were their answers?
- E) Analysis- what patterns and trends can you find  
from their answers
- F) Conclusion- what does it tell is about how people  
feel about our society?

# Presentation and Expectations



Take pride in your work



Be creative where possible



Make sure your work is  
**clear and organised**



Submit your homework in  
your first Sociology  
lesson