

ADDITIONAL READING AND ACTIVITIES LIST

SOCIAL SCIENCES

ONCE A SOCIOLOGIST, ALWAYS A SOCIOLOGIST!

Overview

The Sociology team would love for you to engaged over the coming weeks and months, despite the cancellation of this year's exams. The following are suggestions, they are not compulsory, different book, websites, programmes, and podcasts that you find interesting.





Keep up to date with contemporary issues by reading the news and articles! We suggest the following as a good place to start;

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Use the templates in the document below to complete the following projects!



Sociology and Music!



Create a profile



If you would like to share what you've learnt, we'd love for you to produce a piece that we could share with other students. Alex and Megan ©

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Reading List



"Be The Change: A toolkit for the activist in you" By Gina Martin

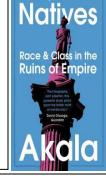
"Without any legal or political experience, **I changed the law and made upskirting illegal in eighteen months**. But this book is not about changing the law. It's not about me. This is yours. It's your handbook, your road map and your toolkit for pushing for change at absolutely any level."

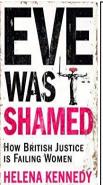
This book is an engaging read for our prospective students to gain a true insight to practical feminism, and contemporary issues within a modern society. It is a fantastic outline of how to develop your inner activism and empower you to make your voice heard!

"Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire" by Akala

"Covering everything from the police, education and identity to politics, sexual objectification and the far right, Natives speaks directly to **British denial and squeamishness when it comes to confronting issues of race and class that are at the heart of the legacy of Britain's racialised empire.**"

This book is an important read for our prospective students to gain a true insight to issues of racism within contemporary society. This book has fantastic links to the papers we cover such as Education and Crime and Deviance. This book also has fantastic cross over for subjects such as geography, history and religious studies due to discussions of colonisation.





"Eve Was Shamed: How British Justice is Failing Women" by Helena Kennedy

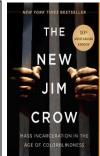
"What comes after #MeToo? One of our most eminent lawyers and defenders of human rights answers with this urgent, authoritative and deeply shocking look at British justice."

This book is a fabulous read for our prospective students to gain a true insight to the extent of patriarchal structures in society (structures that favour men, and disservice women). The book explains the inequality through the eyes of the criminal justice system, explaining the specific prejudice that women are faced with when it comes to prosecutions, such as; including the victims sexual history in rape trials and asking why women in domestic abusive relationships don't "just leave" their partners.

"The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander

"Jarvious Cotton's great-great-grandfather could not vote as a slave. His great-grandfather was beaten to death by the Klu Klux Klan for attempting to vote. His grandfather was prevented from voting by Klan intimidation; his father was barred by poll taxes and literacy tests. Today, Cotton cannot vote because he, like many black men in the United States, has been labelled a felon and is currently on parole."

This book is a very interesting read for our prospective students to gain insight into the structures within





Must Watches!





"When They See Us" on NETFLIX

This series is a harrowing watch- depicting the true events of the prosecution and incarceration of 5 black and Latino boys who were wrongfully sentenced for a rape case. This series discusses issues with racism within the criminal justice system, as well as issues relating to class and likeliness to engage in criminal activity. This is truly a life changing watch- but make sure you have a Disney film or a comedy lined up after!

"Dirty Money" on NETFLIX

This series tells stories of corporate corruption, securities fraud and creative accounting. Each episode focuses on one example of corporate corruption and includes interviews with key players in each story. It is a fantastic watch, with great links to the crime and deviance. If you are feeling particularly sociological, you could research into "Marxism" and try and apply some Marxist theory, suggesting what you think Marxists would say about the series!





"Keep Sweet: Pray and Obey" on NETFLIX

American documentary miniseries on Netflix, surrounding the polygamous Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, an offshoot of mainstream Mormonism, and its current leader Warren S. Jeffs. This mini series relates to the topic "Beliefs in Society" that we cover in the course. Within this paper we learn about what constitutes as a cult or a sect. In popular culture this group is widely discussed as a cult-but in actuality, this group is a sect due to having a charismatic leader.

"Made in Dagenham" on NETFLIX

This film is a dramatization of the Ford sewing machinist's strike of 1969 that aimed to get equal pay for women. The film is based on a true story, and explores the movement that caused a significant law reform. The strike caused a lot of public attention around the world and was seen as out of the ordinary to many, because it was not in a woman's nature to do anything else other than the traditional family roles. This film is perfect viewing for a "families and households" topic, where we discuss the concept of **gender scripts.**





"Panorama" on BBC iPlayer

Experts offer insights into ongoing investigations and worldwide issues, ranging from sociopolitical affairs to criminal cases in Britain.



Activities

Activity 1

Sociology and Music

Sociology is simply the study of society, and the people within it. An easy way to see the impact of sociology in contemporary society is through music.

A lot of music has links to social issues such as;

- Feminism/inequality
- Racism
- Class inequality

But music can also be about;

- Encouraging violence
- Encouraging greed with money
- Encourage the exploitation of women.

As sociologists- it is our job to see the world through a sociological mind and always ask WHY?

For this task- find a song that either discusses a social issue, or that encourages violence, greed and inequality. You can do this by simply googling; "Songs that discuss feminism" for instance.

Name of Musician	
Picture	
Song lyrics that can be applied to sociology	
Your opinions, or commentary. Is it relevant to today's world?	

Activity 2

Create your own study!

When studying Sociology at A level, we look at theoretical explanations for why there has been changes in attitudes in regards to; *same sex relationships, sex before marriage, decline in religion, increase in new age activities, change in expectations in relationships, changes in expectations of division of labour in the household* and many more.

We would love if you were to have a go at conducting your own study.

You could create a questionnaire on <u>google forms</u> and send it to your friends and family via social media. Or you could pick a topic, and have an informal chat with someone who you are in isolation with about one of those topics.

Questionnaire examples

- Start with asking the age and sex of the individuals filling out your form.
- Question: How far do you agree with the statement; "Sex outside marriage is always acceptable, if 16 or over" Answer: 1- strongly disagree, 2- disagree, 3- neutral, 4- agree, 5- strongly agree
- Question: Are you religious? Answer: Yes, no.
- Question: If you have selected yes, please write which religious faith you belong to. Answer: select short written response.

Interview examples

- When you were growing up, who did the household tasks like cooking and cleaning?
- When you were growing up, who made the important decisions in the family such as big buys, like a house or car?
- Why do you think that people had this attitude?

Step 1:	Pick a topic area from the <i>italicised</i> list above.
Step 2:	Create your questionnaire, or list of questions for your chat- and pick who you would like to
	be involved.
Step 3:	Complete the review of your study below.

Review-

Participants: (who you	
researched)	
How many? How old?	
Aim: What was your aim? What	
were you trying to find out	
about?	
Findings: What did you find out	
when you did your research?	
Analysis: Can you think of an	
explanations for your findings?	
E.g an increase of women in work,	
so men had to do more	
housework.	

Activity 3

Sociologist one page profile!

In sociology we look at the following sociological perspectives; *Marxism, Feminism, Functionalism, Postmodernism, Interactionism.*

Each of these perspectives have a number of key thinkers;

<u>Marxism</u>	Karl Marx, Fredrick Engles
<u>Feminism</u>	Simone De Beauvoir, Ann Oakly, Fran Ansley
Functionalism	Emilie Durkheim, Talcott Parsons
Postmodernis	Jean Francis Lyotard, Jean Baudrillard, Zygmunt Bauman
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Interactionism	Max Weber, Erving Goffman, Howard Becker

Top Tip: Use the hyperlinks to take you to a webpage with information to help you!

This task can be as creative as you would like it to be- you could hand draw this profile, you could create an Instagram account for this sociologist or you could complete the template below.

Example structure;

Name of	
Sociologist	
What	
perspective	
do they	
belong to? (e.g	
feminism)	
Summary of	
perspective	
Picture	
Key Ideas	
Articles or	
books that	
they have	
authored	
Your opinions-	
do you agree	
with them?	
Disagree with	
them?	

Do you think heir ideas are still relevant?
