

A Level Sociology

Summer Preparation Homework

Introduction:

The main topics in Sociology all rely on an understanding of the core sociological theories. In each topic, we study:

- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminism
- Action theories



Task outline:

1. Conduct research into the first three of these perspectives and write a summary of their core ideas.
2. Choose two contemporary social issues, one in the UK, and one wider issue. Conduct research on these issues and write a summary of what is going on and the implications for society.
3. Apply each of the three theories to this issue, what would they think about what is going on?

Challenge task:

Action theories are a bit more complex. Conduct research into action theories, writing a summary of them and how they differ to the structural theories (functionalism, Marxism, and feminism). Try and draw a diagram to explain their relationship.

Extend yourself:

Read through the 'Sociology Optional Introductory Work' document and try one recommendation. There are books, documentaries, and online courses you can try.