

# 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.