

Subject	Qualification	Examination Board
Sociology	A-Level	OCR
Additional Information:	Sociology is the scientific study of society. Learning about Sociology helps you to think about the ways that people in our world act, think and interact. There are so many different topics that we study, from media to crime to culture and Identity, that there's always something new and interesting to learn.	

Task Overview:	
Research one of the famous sociologists to discover more about them, their views and theories in preparation for a class discussion.	
Success Criteria:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete each stage of the research as set out in the task sheet. 	
Resources:	
http://www.podology.org.uk/#/education/4556339398 http://www.sociology.uk.net http://www.sociology.org.uk/ http://www.sociologystuff.com http://www.s-cool.co.uk/ http://www.chrisgardner.clara.net/sls1/home.htm http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/barrycomp/bhs/index.htm http://www.le.ac.uk/education/centres/ATSS/sites.html	
How will the work produced will fit into subsequent work and the specification as a whole?	
It is a starting point to understanding sociological theory which is integral to the whole course. Various perspectives will be studied during the course and this research will form the basis of understanding one of those.	
How should the work should be presented?	
At students' discretion i.e. could be an essay, a mind map, a leaflet, poster or powerpoint presentation.	
Who should you contact if you should require further assistance with the work before the end of term?	Mr Rogers: c.rogers@gildredgehouse.org.uk
Length of time expected to complete tasks:	Up to 4 hours
Submission Requirements:	In person when the course begins.

What equipment will be needed for the subject?
The recommended book for Year 1 of the Sociology course is: OCR A-Level Sociology Book 1 Katherine Roberts et al 2015 Hodder Education ISBN 9781471839481

SOCIOLGY

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This transition task will introduce you to one of the major Sociologists that you will study throughout the course. I hope you enjoy finding out about them!

You are expected to purchase the course text book in advance of starting the course or as soon as possible upon commencing the course (it doesn't need to be a new book!).

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TRANSITION TASK

Choose one of the following famous Sociologists to research:

- Emile Durkheim (a 'founding father' of Sociology, functionalist)
- Karl Marx (a 'founding father' of Sociology, the original Marxist!)
- Talcott Parsons (Functionalist)
- Germaine Greer (Feminist)

You should find out about:

- Two or three of their major theories/ideas.
- Famous books they wrote and a summary of their content.
- Information about their life - country of origin, birth/death, interesting events.
- Which Sociological perspective they held (given in brackets beside their name) and what that means.
- Some famous quotes - discuss what each quotation suggests about the nature of society.

Record what you find in a method of your choice - you may prefer to make notes, produce a leaflet or even design a short PowerPoint. You will find these notes very useful when you learn about your chosen Sociologist throughout the course.