



St Benedict's
Sixth Form

SOCIOLOGY

A-Level

Transition Pack



Name: _____



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Sociology – Year 11 - 12 Summer Work

Task 1

Sociology understands the world by using theoretical models of how society is organised. There are quite a lot of these theories but the main ones include:

1. Functionalism
2. Feminism
3. Marxism (sometimes known as conflict theory)
4. Social Action theory
5. Postmodernism

Produce a booklet in which you outline and describe the following;

- The main theorists for each theory.
- The main Ideas that the theory has.
- A glossary of key terms for each theoretical perspective

You may wish to use the following resources to help you get started with your research:

- Internet
- <https://www.thoughtco.com/sociology-research-and-statistics-s2-3026650>
- <https://revisesociology.com/sociology-theories-a-level/>

You should try to refer to at least two other websites of your own choice; record the URLs of these in your booklet.



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Task 2:

You need to identify an event or situation that has happened over the summer holidays which has been reported in the media.

Your task is to explain why this event or scenario has happened according to each of the four sociological perspectives;

1. Functionalism
2. Feminism
3. Marxism
4. Social Action theory
5. Postmodernism

You may wish to collate your ideas using a table, like the one below;

Story:	
Functionalist interpretation	
Marxist Interpretation	
Feminist Interpretation	
Social Action Interpretation	
Post Modern Interpretation	

Once you have identified the event/situation

1. Explain the story from each theoretical perspective.
2. Produce some sort of visual poster on this content. Ensure that it is as eye-catching and interesting as possible, as these will be used as part of a display.



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Task 3:

Record who does what housework around your house during the summer.

Record which tasks are completed, by whom and how long they take.

Use your research to complete an answer to this question:

'Does the amount of housework you complete depend on your age and sex?'

This will be part of the first units we will cover in Year 12.