



## **Sociology Induction work 2020**

**In preparation for you're A Level studies try to read at least one quality broadsheet newspaper (The Times, Guardian or Independent are good) and watch a quality News discussion programme on Television (Channel 4 News at 7, News Night and Question Time are all useful). This will help you understand the context of the topics you will be studying. These websites will help**

[www.bbc.co.uk/news](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news),

[www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk),

[www.thetimes.co.uk](http://www.thetimes.co.uk)

## **Task 1**

Using examples, explain what is meant by the following terms you could use website [www.podology.org.uk](http://www.podology.org.uk) click sociology, videos, culture and identity. Revise sociology is a useful website too.

**Culture**

**Identity**

**Socialisation**

**Norms**

**Values**

**Roles**

**Status**

**Class**

**Gender**

**Ethnicity**

**Society**

## **Task 2**

Carry out a brief survey of 5 male and 5 female students. Ask them the following questions:

1. Who mostly read to you when you were a child?
2. How many books, other than schoolbooks have you read in the last three months?
3. List you top three leisure pursuits in order of time spent on them.

Bring your results to your first sociology lesson



### **Task 3**

Find out about two of these schools – for example, the cost of fees (and ‘extras’); how to gain admission; school facilities and sport, arts and expeditions available; the range of subjects and examination results.

Some sites have interesting virtual tours you can take

<http://www.etoncollege.com>

<http://www.harrowschool.org.uk>

<http://www.westminster.org.uk>

<http://www.roedean.co.uk>

<http://stonyhurst.ac.uk>

<http://charterhouse.org.uk>

Summarise your findings in a brief report which answers the following questions:

1. Why do students from these schools do so well in their GCSE and A level exams?
2. Why are parents willing to pay so much for their child’s education?

### **Task 4**

#### **Nature (genes) versus nurture (environment) debate.**

This debate examines whether human behaviour is a product of the environment we grow up in and our upbringing or whether it is our genes for example personality traits that we inherit from our biological parents.

Watch the clip on youtube about feral children '**Abandoned toddler rescued and raised by feral dogs.**'

After watching the clip on feral children complete an extended piece of writing on the nature nurture debate. Include an explanation of feral children using the case study from the clip. Include your view on the nature nurture debate with explanations and examples. Do you think that human behaviour is genetic (nature) or environmental (nurture)?

### **Task 5**

Choose one of the following questions below that you find the most interesting. Complete your own web research on this question. You can use newspaper articles and any other websites that you think are useful. Write up your findings in an extended piece of writing (use paragraphs). Include a brief introduction and conclusion.

1. **To what extent does our social class background affect our life chances?**
2. **To what extent does our gender affect our life chances?**
3. **To what extent does our ethnicity affect our life chances?**
4. **What is the role of institutions in society (schools, families, work, media, government, health) – do they perform positive functions, or simply work in the interests of the powerful and against the powerless? (a related question here is why do our life chances vary by class, gender and ethnicity)**
5. **How and why has British society changed over the last 50 years?**
6. **Is British Society today better than it was 400 years ago?**



