

AQA A-Level Sociology Bridging Work

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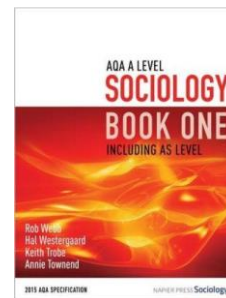
Core Text(s)

This is the textbook for the new Sociology specification – please order as soon as you can to ensure it is delivered before you start the course in September.

AQA A Level Sociology Book One: Including AS Level

Webb, Westergaard, Trobe & Townend

ISBN: 978-0954007911



Common People: An Anthology of Working Class Writers

Edited by: Kit de Waal

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Bridging Work (to be submitted in your first lesson in September)

Activity 1

In your first Sociology lessons in September you will be required to deliver a 2 minute speech outlining your vision for a new society on an island in the Atlantic Ocean. You will be trying to recruit new residents for the island.

Use the prompts below to help you write a script for this speech. Scripts will be collected in after speeches have been delivered.

Imagine you are creating an ideal society from scratch. Your task is to plan how you would organise it, with particular reference to the following issues:

- What should the important beliefs and aims of the society be?
- How would you ensure that children were properly cared for and learn the expected forms of behaviour in society?
- How would you ensure society's knowledge and skills were passed on from one generation to the next?
- How would you ensure food and other goods necessary for survival were produced?
- How would you allocate food and other goods to members of society?
- How would you establish rules of behaviour and ensure they were enforced?
- How would you deal with people who didn't conform to social rules?
- How would you co-ordinate everything and resolve disputes between members of society?

Activity 2

I'd like you to complete an online course from the Open University that will give you a good grounding in a key issue we'll study – economic inequality.

Before you start this – watch this video as an introduction: ['Why is sociology important?'](#)

You're then ready to progress onto the course: ['Understanding Economic Inequality'](#).

Follow the instructions on the Open University website which will take you through a number of taught activities and will require you to enter answers at different points. It requires full answers in sentences not single words. **The expected course length is 6hours but you should allow 10hours** as so much of the content is new to you. Take your time, break it down into manageable chunks over the course of at least a couple of weeks, please don't power through it in one sitting, A-Levels and beyond aren't about just doing a task, it's about developing your knowledge and intellect.

In this online course you'll come across lots of vocabulary you've never used before, and some of it may not make sense to you. This will be an everyday feature of A-Level study (and later University study). It's hugely important that you **never** skim over a word you don't understand. Always stop reading, or pause the video, and look up the word in a dictionary (online is fine) and then carry on going with a better understanding. If you're still uncertain of meaning at this point, email me to ask (admin@themisbourne.co.uk, FAO Mr Worth).

Vocabulary brings power and we're going to spend a lot of time developing yours over the next two years.

If at any point you're stuck, confused or something doesn't work, please email me on the address above.

Finally, please print your 'statement of participation' from the Open University website once you have completed the course and bring it with you in September. You can email it in if you don't have a printer.

I look forward to working with you over the next two years.

Mr M Worth
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