

A Level Sociology

Core textbooks

Year 12

- *AQA A Level Sociology Student Book 1 (Collins AQA A Level Sociology)* by S Chapman (2015)
- *Sociology for AQA Volume 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level, 5th Edition* by Ken Browne (2015)
- *AQA A Level Sociology Themes and Perspectives: Year 1 and AS* by M. Haralambos et al (2018)

Year 13

- *AQA A Level Sociology Student Book 2 (Collins AQA A Level Sociology)* by S. Chapman et al (2016)
- *Sociology for AQA Volume 2: 2nd-Year A Level, 3rd Edition* by K. Browne (2016)
- *AQA A Level Sociology Themes and Perspectives: Year 2* by M. Haralambos et al (2018)

Revision Guides

- *AS and A-Level Sociology: AQA Complete Revision & Practice (with Online Edition): for the 2023 and 2024 exams* CGP (2020)
- *Sociology for AQA Revision Guide 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level* by K Browne (2017)
- *Sociology for AQA Revision Guide 2: 2nd-Year A Level* by K Browne (2017)

Further resources to aid with A Level curriculum

- tutor2u - Sociology
- *Sociology Review*



Take it further - Introduction to Sociology – Key Concepts and Themes

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Introduction to Sociology – Key Concepts and Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>How to be a Sociologist</i> (2021) S Cant & J Hardes• <i>The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life</i> (1956) Erving Goffman	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Socialisation, Identities and Culture podcasts on Apple/Seneca.• 'The Sociology Show' – choose from a range of podcasts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The True Story of Genie Wiley: The Feral Child Kept in Isolation For 13 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young V&A (The Museum of Childhood), London• Check Eventbrite regularly for free events including lectures by sociologists.

Take it further - Sociology of the Family (Paper 2)

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Sociology of the Family (Paper 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Sociology of Family Life</i> – Chambers • <i>Reclaiming Childhood</i> – Guldberg • <i>Paranoid Parenting</i> – Frank Furedi • <i>Sociology of Personal Life</i> – Carol Smart • <i>Liquid Love</i> – Zygmunt Bauman • <i>Centuries of Childhood</i> – Phillipe Aries • <i>Global Woman</i>: Ehrenreich and Hochschild • <i>The imaginary timebomb – Why an ageing population is not a social problem</i> – Mullan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection from The Sociology Show 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motherland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foundling Museum, London • Young V&A (The Museum of Childhood), London • Check Eventbrite regularly for free events including lectures by sociologists.

Take it further - Culture & Identity (Paper 2)

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Culture & Identity (Paper 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Investigating Identity</i> by Kath Woodward • <i>Fractured Identities</i> by H Bradley • <i>Gender</i> by Robert Connell • <i>Black and British</i> by David Olusoga • <i>The Politics of Disablement</i> by Michael Oliver • <i>The Class Ceiling: Why it Pays to be Privileged</i> by Sam Friedman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black and British - a forgotten history - David Olusoga • The Fix: Everyday Sexism Project – Laura Bates • Sam Friedman on Class (Social Science Bites) • Angela McRobbie On The Illusion Of Equality For Women (Social Science Bites) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's A Sin (Channel 4 series) • Sex Education (• The Full Monty (Film) • East is East (Film) • Pride (Film) • Suffragette (Film) • Miseducation (Film) • The School That Tried to End Racism (Ch. 4) • Mobility (short series iplayer) • Dave performing <i>Black</i> at the Brit Awards (2020) • Stormzy's 2019 Glastonbury set. • Jo Brand - Growing Old Gracelessly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The V&A (London) – Windrush 75 • The V&A (London) – Laughing Matters: The State of a Nation • The V&A (London) – LGBTQIA+ Tour • London's Black History – Museum of London Docklands

Take it further - Sociology of Education (& MIC) (Paper 1)

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Sociology of Education (& MIC) (Paper 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Lads and Ladettes in School</i>: Jackson• <i>Learning to Labour</i>: Paul Willis• <i>White middle-class identities and urban schooling</i>: Diane Reay• <i>Miseducation</i> – Diane Reay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class Divide• Diane Reay On Education And Class (Social Science Bites)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The School That Tried to End Racism (Ch. 4)• Inequalities in education and society: The home, the school and the power of reading (Inc. Becky Francis and Alice Sullivan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check Eventbrite regularly for free events including lectures by sociologists.

Take it further - Research Methods and Sociological Theory (Papers 1 & 3)

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Research Methods and Sociological Theory (Papers 1 & 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introducing Social Theory</i> by P. Jones (2011; 2017) • <i>Gang Leader for a Day</i> by S. Venkatesh • The presentation of self in everyday life: Goffman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Lukes On Durkheim (Social Science Bites) • Angela McRobbie On The Illusion Of Equality For Women (Social Science Bites) • Ann Oakley On Women's Experience Of Childbirth (Social Science Bites) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor2u videos – choose from a range. • Crash course sociology – choose from a range. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check Eventbrite regularly for free events including lectures by sociologists.

Take it further - Sociology of the Media (Paper 2)

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Sociology of the Media (Paper 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chavs: the demonization of the working-class: Owen Jones Scroungers: Moral panics and media myths – James Morrison The Uses of Literacy: Hoggart Manufacturing Consent: Herman and Chomsky Poverty Safari: Darren McGarvey Policing the Crisis: Hall et al Folk devils and moral panics: Cohen An introduction to theories of popular culture: Dominic Strinati 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hashtag Our Stories – Citizen Journalism Roddy: 'We don't trust the media – so we became it' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBC: Scandalous Phone Hacking on Trial Did Cambridge Analytica play a role in the EU Referendum? https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-40423629 The Social Dilemma (Netlfix) The Capture (iplayer) Official Secrets (Netflix) Mods and Rockers BBC Panorama (1964) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Networks – Tate Modern Check Eventbrite regularly for free events including lectures by sociologists.

Take it further - Crime and Deviance (Paper 3)

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Crime and Deviance (Paper 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Gang Leader for a Day</i> (2009) by S Venkatesh • <i>Youth and Crime (2021)</i> by J. Muncie • <i>McMafia: Seriously Organised Crime</i> (2009) by M. Glenny • <i>Poverty, crime and punishment</i> (1997) by D. Cook • <i>Profiling the criminal mind</i> (2004) by R.J. Girod • <i>The Casey Review: a review into opportunity and integration</i> (2023) Gov.Uk • <i>In Black and White (2021)</i> by Alexandra Wilson • <i>Misjustice: How British Law is failing women</i> (2019) by H Kennedy • <i>Power, Crime and Mystification</i> (1983) by S Box 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Growing up with gangs, poverty and knife crime' Guardian podcast • 'Stop and search is discriminatory, so why is it on the rise?' Guardian podcast 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Secret Policeman • Stacey Dooley – New Drug Frontiers • BBC One: McMafia • <i>The Real Story of Mc Mafia</i> – TED talk • BBC One: Stephen: The Murder that changed a nation • Dogs, Dealers and Organised Crime – BBC Panorama • Cops on Trial: Dispatches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe a court trial as a member of the public (www.gov.uk) • Check Eventbrite regularly for free events including lectures by sociologists.