

Sociology (AQA) - Miss Altinkaya - July 2018

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Reading List

- 1) *Sociology for AQA Volume 1: AS and 1st-Year A Level* by Ken Browne, 5th Rev edition, April 2015, Polity Press. ISBN 0745691307.
 - This item is good to read because it covers Research Methods in-depth with suggestions for activities to try out.
- 2) *Sociology for AQA Volume 2: 2nd-Year A Level* by Ken Browne, 3rd edition, March 2016, Polity Press. ISBN 0745696945.
 - This item is good to read because it covers Theory and Methods in great depth to secure your understanding of the different sociological perspectives.
- 3) *Student Support Materials for Sociology - AQA A2 Sociology: Unit 4 Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods* by Steve Chapman, March 2011, Collins Educational. ISBN 0007418345.
 - This item is good to read as it contains a concise summary of the Crime and Deviance topics and more importantly a concise summary of Theory and Methods
- 4) *Sociology* by James Fulcher & John Scott, 4th edition, March 2011, OUP Oxford. ISBN
 - This item is good to read because it will help you to develop your critical thinking skills.
- 5) *Sociology in Action: Investigating Families and Households* by Nik Jorgensen, August 1988, Collins Educational. ISBN 0003224074.
 - This item is good to read because it covers a wide range of subtopics for the Families and Households unit from a number of sociological perspectives and would be useful to use to build up on your AO2 evaluation skills for each of the subtopics.
- 6) *The Sociology Review*, available from the 6th Library. Periodical
 - Keep up to date with recent research studies into Sociology by choosing and reading a variety of articles from the Sociology Review to enhance your knowledge of contemporary society. Remember, that the examiners are interested in how much you know about developments and changes in contemporary society.
- 7) *Gang Leader for a Day* by Sudhir Ventakesh, Feb 2009, Penguin. ISBN 0141030917
 - This item is good to read to enhance your understanding of the effects of participant
- 8) *The Communist Manifesto* - Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels (Copy in 6th Library at 335.4)
 - Reading the Communist Manifesto can help you to secure and broaden your understanding of the Marxist perspective. This will be useful in explaining crime, families and households, the education system and mass media from the Marxist perspective.

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10 activities for independent learning in Sociology

- 1) Visit www.ted.com and listen to talks on sociology related topics to broaden your understanding and questioning skills.
- 2) Complete a glossary of all keywords that relate to Families & Households, Research Methods, Crime and Deviance, Mass Media, Theory and Methods, and Education.
- 3) [Visit www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk) and download past exam questions. Familiarise yourselves with the exam structure by viewing past exam papers on the AQA website.
- 4) Mini sociology project: Devise and carry out your own small piece of research using one primary method. Write up your findings, and comment on the practical, ethical and theoretical issues you encountered.
- 5) Make cards with different methods and different possible educational contexts. Choose at random one card and one context and apply the method to the context. Repeat several times.
- 6) Make cards with different methods and different possible crime and deviance contexts. Choose at random one card and one context and apply the method to the context. Repeat several times.
- 7) Conduct a content analysis of crime reporting in a variety of newspapers.
- 8) Research examples of green crime and state crime.
- 9) Pick an example of current social policy. Try to explain it from New Right, Marxist, Functionalist and Feminist points of view.
- 10) To regularly read a newspaper or download a news app.