

GCSE to Further Education

A Level Sociology

Task 1: Current Affairs

Using websites for any one of the following newspapers- The Times, Telegraph, Guardian or Independent; Find one RECENT critical article related to EDUCATION (e.g. extremism in schools, ethnic differences in schools, bad behaviour in schools) and one RECENT critical article related to FAMILY (e.g. family breakdown, gay families, women and domestic violence).

You should create a (minimum) A4 page of analysis of each of these articles, which includes:

- ✓ A brief summary of the issues raised by the article.
- ✓ Examination of what problems exist which made writing this article necessary.
- ✓ Answer of the question: How can the issue be resolved?
- ✓ Reference sources which have helped with your analysis.

You should also be reading quality newspapers regularly (3-4 each week)! A knowledge test of current affairs will be given to you in September.

Task 2: Researching Sociology

You should familiarise yourself with the following ethical guidelines for research in sociology:

<http://www.britsoc.co.uk/about/equality/statement-of-ethical-practice.aspx>

- Answer the questions: Why are the guidelines in place? Why might they be hard to follow? (¾ A4 Page)
- Make a bank of terms you are unsure of to submit in September

Research Opportunities

- Paul Willis: Learning to Labour:
http://www.uky.edu/~tmute2/geography_methods/readingPDFs/willis.pdf
- Podology <http://www.podology.org.uk>
- Office for National Statistics <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/browse-by-theme/index.html> (Look at data on: Children/Education, Population, Labour Market, People and Places)