

A Level Sociology OCR (H580)

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Books you will be provided with:

- OCR A Level Sociology 1 – Roberts, Taylor, Brisbane, Ali, Chapman, Jacobs-Roth – Hodder Education - ISBN 978-1-4718-3948-1
- OCR A Level Sociology 2 – Roberts, Taylor, Brisbane, Pountney – Hodder Education – ISBN 978-1-4718-3945-0

Resources you may choose to buy/look at (although these are entirely optional):

- Sociology: Themes and Perspectives - Haralambos and Holborn Series - Authors Michael Haralambos, Martin Holborn – Collins – ISBN 9780007245956 [This is a very big textbook but will be useful throughout the course. You can easily pick up a second hand one on Ebay etc., but it's not essential.]
- We use WS Cloud, which is a file sharing folder. All the resources are stored on there for you to access at any point

Being connected to current affairs

- It's **very important** to stay well informed about what is happening in society... Watch the news, read newspapers, read books, watch documentaries, listen to podcasts. The themes we work around are identity, media, inequalities, globalisation, crime, so any news story or documentary on these issues is relevant. If you don't generally have a habit of paying attention to things like this, you need to start making this a habit. To do this, you can download an app for any of the major news organisations or newspapers of your choice. These are usually free for young people, especially on Tik Tok and Snapchat.
- Every week, one student is tasked with searching a relevant news story and then we discuss it in class
- Podcasts – listen to any podcasts about identity, media, inequalities, globalisation, digital world, crime. (Likewise TV documentaries)

Work to be completed by 16 July 2025:

Task 1:

CULTURES TASK (see below for details)

Submit on SMHW or Email your finished essay to Mrs Driscoll at driscolla@wallingfordschool.com

Work to be completed by 3rd September 2025:

Task 2:

IDENTITIES TASK (see below for details)

Submit on SMHW or Email your finished table to Mrs Driscoll at driscolla@wallingfordschool.com

CULTURES TASK

Task: Write an essay based on the following title...

“Describe and analyse a culture or sub-culture with which you are familiar.”

You should:

- Describe the **norms** and **values** of your chosen culture
- Describe the **symbols**, **meanings** and **rituals** within the culture
- Emphasise any **subcultures**, **cultural hybridity** or **cultural diversity** found
- Explain what the **identity** of the participants is and how it is formed through **Primary Socialisation** and **Secondary Socialisation**.
- Make comparisons to another subculture or mainstream culture

NOTE: You will need to **research key words FIRST**, in order to write a sensible essay

This could be a culture of which you feel you are part of or know something about

Examples of cultures you could choose (but unique ones are preferred)

- English middle class culture
- British Asian culture
- Hip Hop culture
- Traveller Community
- Emo subculture

The essay should be approximately 1000 words long

Mark Scheme

Did you:	Yes / No	Notes
Stick to the deadline		
Stick to the word guideline		
Clearly identify a culture or subculture to describe		
Use the following concepts correctly:		
Norms		
Values		
Rituals		
Symbols		
Meanings		
Identity		
Primary Socialisation		
Secondary Socialisation		
Subcultures		
Cultural Diversity		
Cultural Hybridity		
Write coherently and use good English		
Organise your essay sensibly into paragraphs		

IDENTITIES TASK

We will do a significant amount of work on 'Identities'. That is:

Our sense of self.

Our self-concept or self-identity.

Subjective feelings about how others perceive and interpret our behaviour.

We develop a social identity through socialisation, the process of human interaction.

We will cover the following Identities on the course:

- Social Class
- Age
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Disability
- Sexuality
- Nationality
- Hybridity

Tasks

(NB 1 I have checked all the hyperlinks, but if one does not work for you, search it by the title and see if you can find it that way)

(NB 2 – for resources on BBC or Channel 4 you may need to set up a free account or ask a family member if you already have one)

Introduction

1. Watch this clip and listen to the 2x 7 minute podcast

- BBC World News: Identity
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXkMUWEKKgA> – what makes you who you are
[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, What is “minority stress theory”?](#)
[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Why are statues such flashpoints in the culture wars?](#)

2. Choose 2 of the identities

Use the links below, and any other sources of information that you want to, finding out a little bit about each of the identities.

You should spend roughly 1 hour per identity, but you might spend more or less depending on the length of the clip. (Check with your parents whether they have a BBC I-player account. These are FREE –you just need to set up an account with an email)

3. Complete the table below, summarising some information related to each clip.

The table can be as big as you need it to be, so don't be limited by the starting size. It can spread over a number of pages.

4. Submit your completed table

Identities Research Ideas

- BBC World News - identity: - various films, some less relevant than others – but have a look and watch one if you are interested. (Be interested!)
 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03pzp1k>

1, Social Class

- <https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20160406-how-much-does-social-class-matter-in-britain-today>
- <https://revisesociology.com/2019/11/08/how-to-break-into-the-elite/>
- How the middle class has ruined Britain:
[How the Middle Class Ruined Britain? - Geoff Norcott rails against Avocado Munchers - YouTube](#)
- [Why middle class kids get the best jobs - BBC Stories - YouTube](#)

2. Ethnicity

[BBC Two - We Are Black and British, Series 1, Episode 1](#)

[BBC Two - We Are Black and British, Series 1, Episode 2](#) 2 x 1 hour episodes following 6 Black British people from different backgrounds.

[The Event: How Racist Are You? With Jane Elliott - YouTube](#) 11 short 4 minute long clips

[How Racist Are You? with Jane Elliott \(Shorter Version\) - YouTube](#) – 35 mins long

[Carole Malone: Britain is not racist](#) (10 mins)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, 'Black Out' performances](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, What is the 'white gaze'?](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Does Britain need a Muslim war memorial?](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Is reality TV stereotyping black women?](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, What is 'Misogynoir'?](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Can white people be victims of racism?](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Defining "racism"](#)

3. Age

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_OntBS0tV8 Ted talk –how age changes our sense of identity (20 mins)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Are 'kidults' a problem?](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, When do you become an adult?](#)

4. Gender

- [Britain's Anti-Feminist Men | Reggie Yates Extreme | Real Stories - YouTube](#) 2015 55 mins
- [Channel 4 Genderquake](#) (48 mins)

In 21st century Britain, what it means to be a man or a woman is changing. Eleven strangers of different gender identities and sexualities spend a week together - with explosive results.

- [BBC Radio Documentary: Beyond Binary](#) (50 mins)
- [BBC Radio 4 - Bringing Up Britain, Series 16, Gender Identity](#)
- [BBC Radio 4 - Bringing Up Britain, Series 9, Children and Gender](#)
- [BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Dangers to women: man vs bear](#)
- [BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, How does the law handle misgendering?](#)
- [BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Misgendering and Hate Crime](#)
- [BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Barbie and the patriarchy](#)
- [BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, What is "the patriarchy"?](#)

5. Disability

[BBC iPlayer - Silenced: The Hidden Story of Disabled Britain](#)

[Scope: Short clips on a range of disability-related topics](#) scroll down the page to find a handful of short clips about disability (4 mins or less)

[Shantha Rau Barriga: Disability Rights Around the World](#) (20 mins)

[Ted Talk: When we design for disability, we all benefit | Elise Roy](#) (13 mins)

[BBC Radio 4 - File on 4, Punished for being mentally ill](#)

6. Sexuality

[BBC iPlayer - Olly Alexander: Growing Up Gay](#) (60 mins)

[Teen Line LGBTQ: Understanding Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities](#) (20 mins)

https://www.ted.com/talks/jenni_chang_and_lisa_dazols_this_is_what_lgbt_life_is_like_around_the_world#t-282295 Ted Talk LGBT in different cultures (12 mins)

[BBC Three - Reggie Yates' Extreme, UK, Gay and Under Attack](#) (55 mins)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Homosexuality and "sin"](#)

[BBC Radio 4 - AntiSocial, Counting sexual partners](#)

7. Nationality

[Trump In Britain: Protests, Pubs and Giant Balloons - YouTube](#) (20 mins)

[BBC A very British History](#)

A number of 1 hour programmes about various ethnicities and their British Identity

[Make me British: Identity](#) (7 mins)

8. Hybrid Identities

[From silence to voice - embracing my hybrid identity: Golnaz Golnaraghi at TEDxMilton](#) (15 minutes)

[Hybridity: an exploration of identity | Amara Pope | TEDxKitchenerED](#) (10 minutes)

- [Where does the rise of identity politics leave people of mixed race? - BBC Newsnight - YouTube](#) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TwAtHuW8AS8>)

Identity Clips – Review

Identity	Most interesting things I learned:	Questions that I now want to know the answer to:
Social Class		
Age		
Gender		
Ethnicity		
Disability		
Sexuality		
Nationality		
Hybridity		