

A Level Sociology

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Passport to Sixth Form (for those who have studied Sociology before. See separate project for those who have not done the GCSE)

Name: _____

What will I be studying?

There are three papers (all assessed via exam at the end of year 13)

PAPER 1 – Education with Theory and Methods:

You will build on the study of education at GCSE to focus more on the application of theory and the relationship between Sociology and social policy. Topics include:

- The impact of Globalisation on Education
- Modernity and postmodernity
- Debates about subjectivity, objectivity and value freedom are introduced
- Positivism, interpretivism and the nature of social facts

PAPER 2- Sociology of Health and the Sociology of Beliefs

HEALTH:

- Why some groups have better / worse health outcomes than others. Competing explanations will be examined
- The social construction of health, illness, disability and the body
- The Sociology of Mental Illness
- The role of globalisation, the drugs industry and the role of professionals

BELIEFS:

- cults, sects, denominations, churches and New Age movements, and their relationship to religious and spiritual belief and practice
- the relationship between different social groups and religious/spiritual organisations
- the significance of religion and religiosity in the contemporary world
- the nature and extent of secularisation in a global context

PAPER 3 – Crime with Theory and Methods:

You will build on the study of crime t GCSE to focus more on the application of theory and the relationship between Sociology and social policy. Topics include:

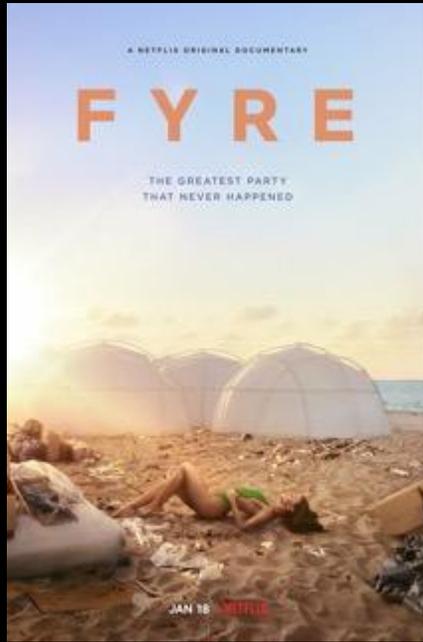
- globalisation and crime in contemporary society;
- green crime; human rights and state crimes
- crime control, surveillance, crime prevention
- victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies.

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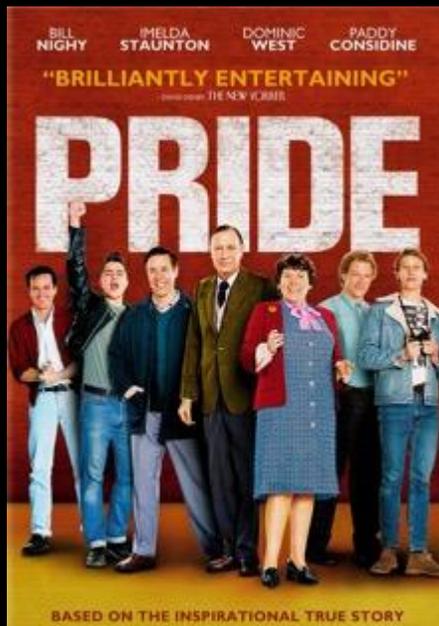
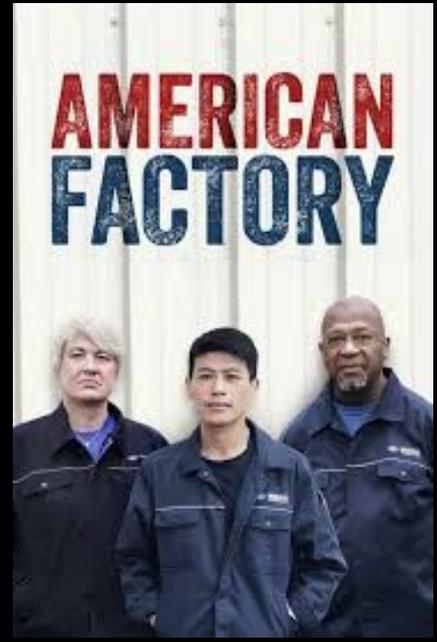
Hello, Privilege -
It's Me, Chelsea



Fyre - The Greatest
Party That Never
Happened



American
Factory



Possible watching for Sociology –
not essential though so don't
worry if you don't have Netflix!

Stacey Dooley Locked up with Lifers



Louis Theroux America's medicated kids



Miriam's Big Fat Adventure



Black and Scottish



**The Case of Sally
Challan**



**Britain's
forgotten men**





Dispatches



Angry, White and American



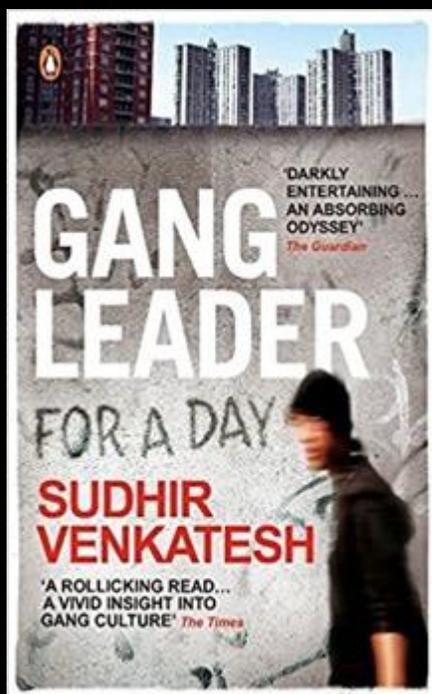
Educating Cardiff



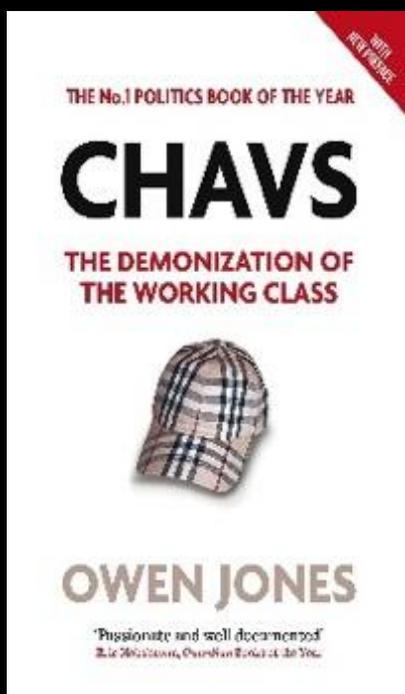
Jon Snow Explains

Recommended books to read - for when the libraries open again

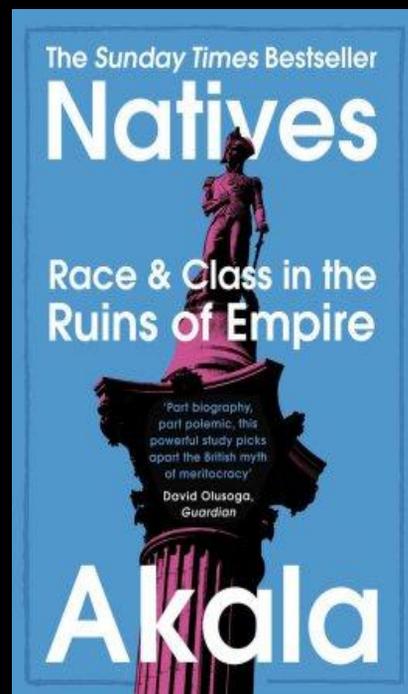
Gang Leader for a Day by Sudhir Venkatesh



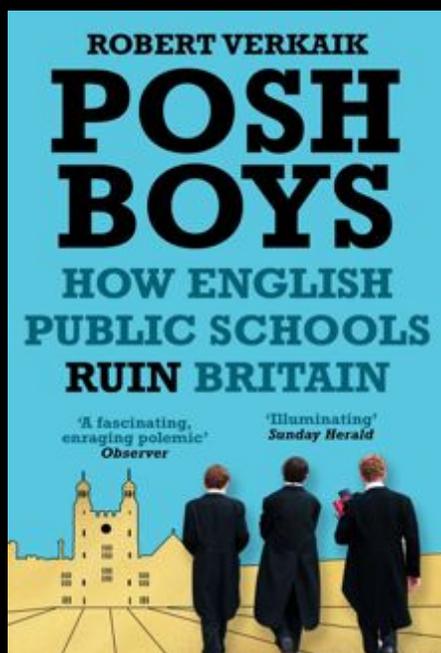
Chavs by Owen Jones



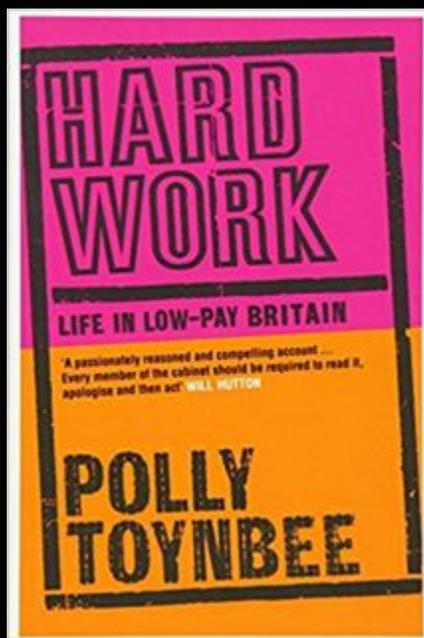
Natives by Akala



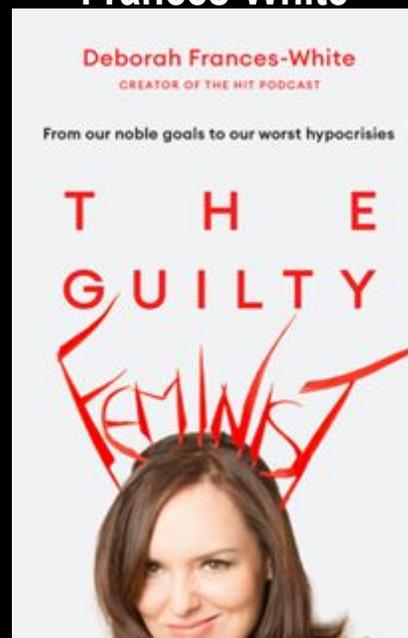
Posh Boys by Robert Verkaik



Hard Work by Polly Toynbee



The Guilty Feminist by Deborah Frances-White



Book / Film / Documentary Review



Your task is to pick at least one and write a review of it. You could do several short reviews or one much longer review (more suitable for a book):

➤ Film / book / documentary

As you watch/read some of the examples on the previous slides, create notes to help with your essay. Make notes under the following headings:

- What issues, are being raised in the book / film / documentary?
- Which groups in society are most impacted by these issues? Why are certain groups so impacted? How are they affected by the issues raised?

Is the book/ film / documentary / magazine article informative? How? Is it helpful? Why?

- Are there any quotes/scenes etc that stand out to you and why?
- Has the film / book / documentary made you think differently?
- What questions do you now have about this topic?

This list is NOT exhaustive there may be other questions/ideas you wish to consider as you watch or read.

Research careers connected to Sociology



For the next task, the following websites are useful:

- <https://www.prospects.ac.uk>
- <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/sociologist-careers/>
- <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/degree-subjects-your-options/301062-what-can-i-do-with-a-sociology-degree>



Job Role	Definition	Roles and Responsibilities	Starting salary	Highest earnings (what can people who progress in their careers potentially earn?)

Sociologist research task

Choose one of the following and research the key questions below

- Lyotard
- Armstrong
- Giddens
- Bruce
- El- Sadaawi



1. What did they focus their research on?
2. What were their main arguments?
3. What stands out as particularly interesting about their research?
4. Having read about their work, what questions do you now have?



What is meant by 'Sociological Imagination'?

Answer this question in any way you choose. Use pictures / a collage or writing to help you convey your understanding of the term. These biographical journeys will help broaden your understanding and are a useful starting point -

<https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/biographical-journeys/>

The sociological imagination enables us to grasp history and biography and the relations between the two within society.

(C. Wright Mills)



SOCIOLOGY THROUGH THE LENS...



- Choose a photograph from the Cambridge Schools Sociology competition website. Explain how it illuminates one or more sociological concepts or social issues.

<https://www.sociology.cam.ac.uk/photo>

- Take your own photograph and explain how it links to social policy / society today / sociological concepts. For inspiration, this website will be useful:

<https://visualsociology.org/?cat=34>



Passport to the Sixth Form Check list



Use this list to make sure you have everything you need to hand in in September

Book / film / documentary review, page 8

Complete at least 6 sections of the learning log, page 9.

Careers research, page 10-11

Sociologist research, page 12

Sociology imagination task, page 13.

Sociology through the lens, page 14

