



SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL SUPER-CURRICULAR
AIMING FOR THE TOP AND ASPIRING HIGH



Reading Tasks

Education

Miseducation: Inequality, education and the working class by Diane Reay
The Blackboard Jungle by Evan Hunter

Families and Households

Toxic childhood: How the world is damaging our children and what we can do about it by Sue Palmer

Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood.
Wild Swan by Jung Chan

The Story of Childhood: Growing Up in Modern Britain by Libby Brooks

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon.

Fawcett Society report – Parents, Work and Care: Striking the Balance [here](#)

Theory and Methods

Theorising Patriarchy by Sylvia Walby

The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx
Women and Power: A Manifesto by Mary Beard

We should all be feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life by Erving Goffman

General sociology book recommendations

- *1984* by George Orwell.
- *The Divide: A Brief Guide to Global Inequality and its Solutions* by Jason Hickel
- *Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class* by Owen Jones
- *The Establishment: And how they get away with it* by Owen Jones
- *Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging* by Afua Hirsch. .
- *Culture and Everyday Life* by Andy Bennett
- *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power* by Professor Shoshana Zuboff
- *Poverty Safari: Understanding the Anger of Britain's Underclass* by Darren McGarvey
- *The Descent of Man* by Grayson Perry.
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee.
- *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith
- *Invisible Women* by Caroline Criado-Perez.
- *Why I'm no longer talking to white people about race* by Reni Eddo-Lodge.
- *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernadine Evaristo.
- Any **quality source of news**, such as the BBC, the Guardian or the Times.
- Read the Sociology Review – found in the library and on My Sandstorm.

Listening Tasks

Thinking Allowed podcast

Listen to the BBC's Thinking Allowed sociology podcast [here](#).

Social Science Bites podcast

Listen to Social Science bites podcast [here](#).

Education

Listen to the BBC's 'do school's make a difference?' programme [here](#).

Theory and Methods

Listen to Radio 4's Marxism Today podcast [here](#).

Beliefs in Society

Listen to Radio 4's podcast on Max Weber and the Protestant Ethic [here](#).

Crime and Deviance

A range of crime and deviance podcasts can be found [here](#).

Watching Tasks

Families and Households

- TED talk: [Tan Lee](#) – My immigration story.
- TED talk: [Hans Rosling](#)
- East is East
- Brick Lane
- My Big Fat Greek Wedding
- Revolutionary Road
- Sleeping with the Enemy

Education

- Dangerous Minds
- A Very British School, documentary about Harrow
- The History Boys
- Educating Essex/Yorkshire

Theory and Methods

- Child of Our Time, BBC
- Secret Life of 5 Year Olds
- On the Basis of Sex
- A Bug's Life (Marxism)

Beliefs in Society

- My Scientology Movie, Louis Theroux
- The Most Hated Family in America, Louis Theroux
- Amish: a secret life
- Religulous
- Fahrenheit 9/11
- Witness
- Inherit the Wind

Crime and Deviance

- Chernobyl – Sky Atlantic
- McMafia – BBC TV series
- TED talk: Bryan Stevenson – [We need to talk about injustice.](#)
- TED talk: Noy Thrupkaew – [Human trafficking is all around you. This is how it works.](#)
- BBC documentary – One Night in Bhopal

Crime and Deviance

- Dirty Money
- Monster
- Erin Brockovich
- Hotel Rwanda
- City of God
- The Green Mile
- This Is England
- Lord of War
- The Killing Fields
- Bowling for Columbine

General sociology recommendations

Useful TV series include: Panorama, Cutting Edge, Dispatches, Louis Theroux, Stacey Dooley documentaries

TED talks available on a range of sociological topics

Films: Billy Elliot, The Full Monty, Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, Brokeback Mountain, 12 Years a Slave, Made in Dagenham, The Truman Show, If Beale Street Could Talk, Selma, V for Vendetta, I, Daniel Blake, American Beauty, Freedom Writers, Wonder, Pride

Trips & Visits

V&A Museum of Childhood

Visit the V&A Museum of Childhood, Bethnal Green

Museum of London

Museum of London: Votes for Women [virtual exhibition](#)

Women of the World

Women of the World (WOW) festival at the [Southbank Centre](#).