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Summer work for sociology.

TASK 1:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vh3yePUI-Aw>

Watch the above Youtube video.

Answer the following questions.

Are we free to choose our own behaviours or are our actions shaped by society?

How does an individual's identity shape their experiences?

Who are the most powerful groups in society?

How do sociologists research society?

This will help you with the next part of the task.

TASK 2: Understanding the world around you and keeping abreast of news and current affairs is vitally important for all Sociology students. Using the internet and newspapers choose 3 current UK based current affairs /news stories that interest you.

Explain why you are interested in your chosen news stories and then why you think a Sociologist would be interested in that news story, why would they choose to study it?

Think about what Sociologists are interested in? How does it relate to and impact on different social institutions- Education, Families, Media, Crime and Deviancy, the Judiciary, Religious institutions, the Government?

Does it focus on a certain social group in society- ethnicity, social class, sexuality, gender?

Does it focus on any social issues- Crime, poverty, racism, discrimination, exploitation, the gap between rich and poor?

Who does it blame for the social issues, does it suggest ways in which they can be addressed?

DOCUMENTS/USEFUL LINKS TO HELP YOU:

<https://revisesociology.com/introduction-to-sociology/>

Use this website to familiarise yourself with what Sociology is. The links will explain the key features of Sociology- read these before you write your analysis. You could look at- Crime, Violence, Discrimination, Poverty, Abuse. Or any social issues experienced today.

END RESULT: A written report analysing three news/current affairs/issues and applying them to Sociology. This can be handwritten or on word. Please include the article as well as your report.

HAND IN DATE: First Sociology lesson of the new term