

Welcome to

A-Level



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What does the A-level involve?

3 exam papers – 2 hours each worth 33%

Paper 1

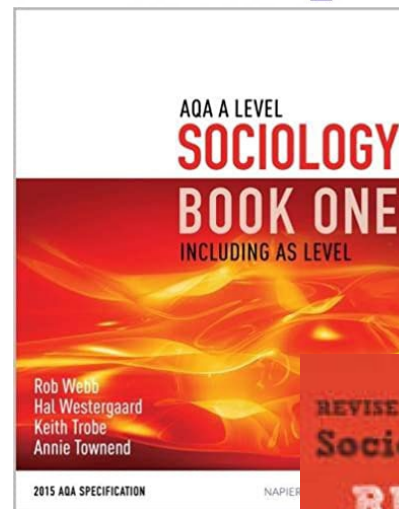
Education and Research Methods (*compulsory*)

Paper 2

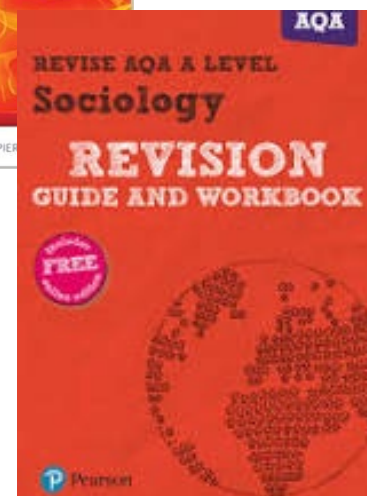
- Families
- Beliefs in Society (*options*)

Paper 3

Crime and Deviance and Research Methods (*compulsory*)



Provided for you



Not provided for you and not compulsory

What does study of Sociology require at A-level?

As with GCSE Sociology, You will be expected to:

- **Know and understand** ideas and evidence about the the topics **(AO1)**
- **Apply** that knowledge and understanding by **analysing and explaining** ideas **(AO2)**
- **Evaluate** ideas by pointing out their strengths and weaknesses and suggest better alternative ideas **(AO3)**



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As an A-level student you need to develop a **'sociological world view'** and to support it by independently finding information for yourselves from on-line sources, books and the news (current affairs)

Coronavirus does discriminate, because that's what humans do

People who face racism, sexism and inequality are more likely to get sick.

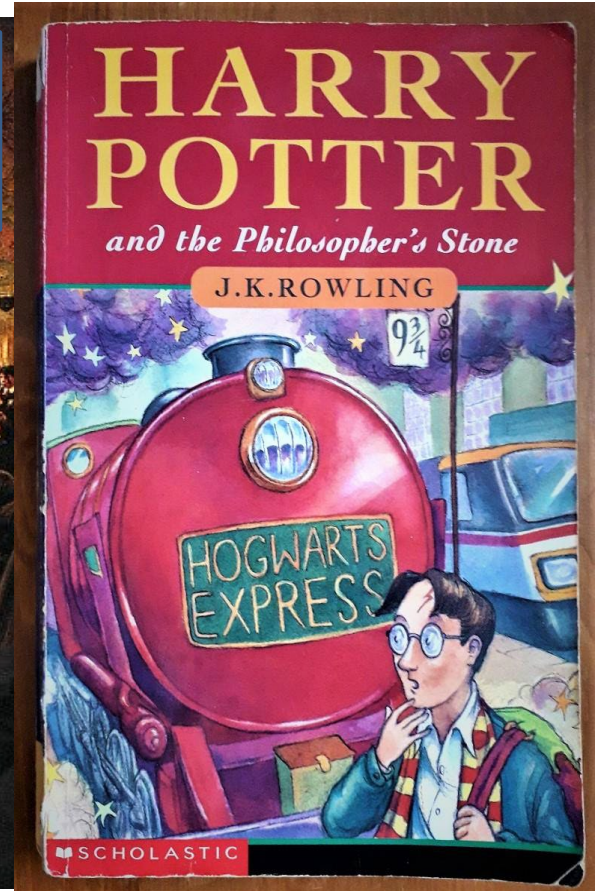
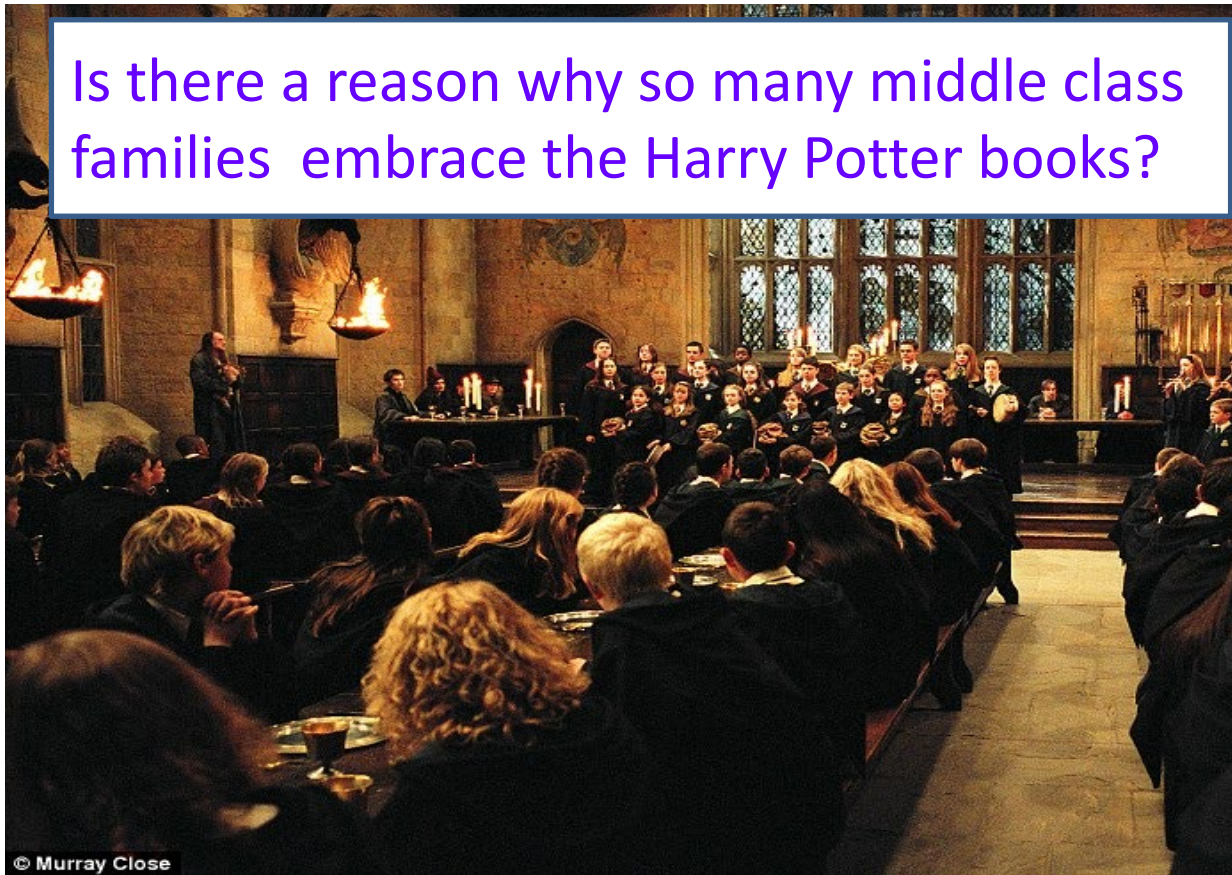
(Article from ['The Guardian'](#) on-line newspaper, April 2020)



A sociological 'world view':

The ability to see situations, events and behaviour in terms of **social groups and how they interact.**

Is there a reason why so many middle class families embrace the Harry Potter books?



Preparation assignment for A-Level Sociology Summer 2020

We'd like to help you get a little prepared for the move from GCSE to A-level.

With an assignment that is set for you to do two things;

- 1) To encourage your sociological world-view
- 2) To give your teachers a sense of your commitment to this A-level.

Having said that – **it is not a test or anything requiring essays or pages of work!**

See this as more of an invitation to explore some sociological issues.

We'll casually talk about what we've found between us when we return in September – but remember, **this is not an assessment!**

Remember, Sociology is a **social-science**.

Sociologists discover evidence and put forward explanations that report on how society is.

Hypothesis statements:

- “In the UK today, everyone has an equal chance of making their ambitions come true, if they are prepared to put in the effort.”
- “Life is easier if you are male.”

Find TWO stories in the news between now and September that you can share with the class, which you believe have a sociological relevance in some way to either of the above statements.

You may find it useful to regularly check the FREE online news platform, **The Guardian** for stories (no account required).

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

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