

# Sociology (AQA)

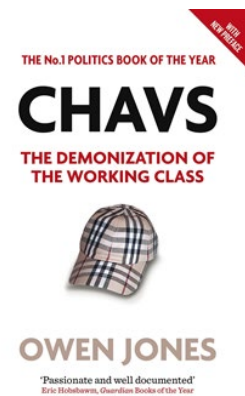
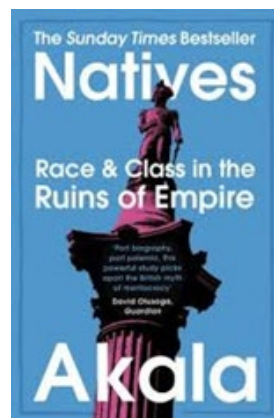
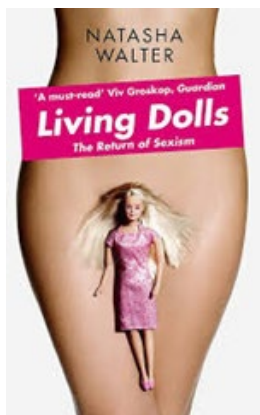
## A Level Preparation Work

### What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society. What does that mean? Learn more here!

- <https://www.britsoc.co.uk/what-is-sociology/studying-sociology/>
- <https://the-syllabus.com/coronavirus-readings/>
- <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/wm-introductiontosociology/chapter/reading-what-is-sociology/>
- <https://theconversation.com/uk/topics/sociology-400>
- <https://www.admncareerstt.com/sociology%20for%20dummies.pdf>
- <https://www.nytimes.com/topic/subject/sociology>

### Recommended Sociology Reading



#### Websites and Magazines

**The Sociological Review:**

<https://www.thesociologicalreview.com/>

**Everyday Sociology Blog:**

<https://www.everydaysociologyblog.com/>

**Sociology Lens:**

<https://www.sociologylens.net/>

**Contexts Blog:** <https://contexts.org/blog/>

#### Films and Documentaries

Any *Louis Theroux*

Documentary

*Black Mirror* Collection

*Unorthodox* (2020)

*The Blind Side* (2009)

*Minority Report* (2002)

*The Help* (2011)

*Noughts and Crosses* (2020)

*Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple* (2006)

## Topic 1 Task: Families and Households: Childhood

Childhood is a time when children should be protected and supported in their development. However, some argue that childhood is disappearing. With increased technology use, more pressure to perform in schools and the use of social media, many suggest that childhood is disappearing or that it is becoming 'toxic'. However, others argue that today children are much safer than ever before, unparalleled medical care, more awareness and a society focused on children means that they have never had it better than they do today. And that others who disagree are looking nostalgically to a time which never really existed.

### **Your tasks are:**

What is childhood, how is it described and defined?

How is childhood different today?

What is meant by the term 'toxic childhood' (Sue Palmer)

What do you think? Explain your reasoning.

Use the following to help you:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izU-trJATdo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HkO1-aeiz8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fK2Ma7QLVU>

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2006/sep/14/children.familyandrelationships>

<https://www.unicef.org/sowc05/english/childhooddefined.html>

