

Sociology Summer Homework

We are super excited to get to know you all in the summer and the below task will not only give you a taster for the subject but will give you background information that will help for different aspects of the questions.

The first task is easy you just need to go out and buy a large A4 folder which will help keep all of your notes in order. Through Sociology we largely work with booklets and this will become a fantastic resource for you.

For your second task you have a choice to research one of two cases.

Choice One- London Riots

General outline of what happened.	Create a timeline of key events and identify why each one is important
Many sociologists like to look at structural issues meaning they explore the wider context of the events.	<p><i>Research what London was like at the time. You may want to consider the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Crime Statistics</i> • <i>Levels of poverty</i> • <i>School Reports through the city</i> • <i>Images of the city at the time.</i>
Rather than focusing on wider structures other sociologists find it more important to look at small scale interaction and individual meanings.	<p><i>Watch the following clip Sky Speaks To Looters - YouTube and answer the questions below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) What can you learn about the men from this interview?</i> <i>2) What can you tell about the men's thoughts and feelings through their body language.</i> <i>3) Note down any techniques the interviewers use to get the group to open up.</i> <i>4) Did you feel that any of the questions asked were inappropriate.</i>
Through media we look at media representation of events and how this shapes public opinion.	<p><i>Do a content analyse of the media representation of the case at the time of the event.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) Highlight any words were frequently used to describe the boys.</i> <i>2) Describe the responses of key figures at the time.</i> <i>3) Find at least two pictures that were selected in the papers and explain why you think they were chosen and what they represent.</i>
After a major event like this it is likely that there will be political changes to improve society.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1) Explain the punishment that those involved received.</i> <i>2) Assess whether this was effective.</i>

Choice Two- Central Park Joggers

General outline of what happened.	Create a timeline of key events and identify why each event is important.
Many sociologists like to look at structural issues meaning they explore the wider context of the events.	<p><i>Research what Harlem was like in the 1980s. You may want to consider the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Crime Statistics</i> • <i>Levels of poverty</i> • <i>School Reports</i> • <i>Images of the city at the time.</i>
Rather than focusing on wider structures other sociologists find it more important to look at small scale interaction and individual meanings.	<p><i>Watch the following clip The Central Park 5 talk about their struggle for redemption from 2013 - YouTube and answer the questions below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) <i>What can you learn about the men from this interview?</i> 6) <i>What can you tell about the men's thoughts and feelings through their body language.</i> 7) <i>Note down any techniques the interviewers use to get the group to open up.</i> 8) <i>Did you feel that any of the questions asked were inappropriate.</i>
Through media we look at media representation of events and how this shapes public opinion.	<p><i>Do a content analyse of the media representation of the case at the time of the hearing.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4) <i>Highlight any words were frequently used to describe the boys.</i> 5) <i>Describe the responses of key figures at the time including Donald Trump.</i> 6) <i>Find at least two pictures that were selected in the papers and explain why you think they were chosen and what they represent.</i>
After a major event like this it is likely that there will be political changes to improve society.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) <i>Find one policy which has been brought into tackle racism in the police force in the USA and explain it.</i> 4) <i>Assess whether it has been an effective policy.</i> 5) <i>Research how the UK has tackled police racism and identify any similarities and differences.</i>