

Sociology Summer Work Pack

Welcome to A Level Sociology.

One of the first topics we are supposed to cover is a very basic unit about What is Sociology? But as some of you will have already completed GCSE Sociology this work pack is designed to make sure that everybody knows the basic terms we will use, and give you an opportunity to complete a little bit of web research.

Activity One

You can use the internet to help you, and make sure that you use Sociology website!

Define the following words:-

Norms

Values

Culture

Primary Socialisation

Secondary Socialisation

Agent of Socialisation

Social Control

Informal social control

Formal social control

Ascribed Status

Achieved Status

Role

Activity Two

In some cultures and in some circumstances, cannibalism is a cultural norm.

A. Using the web links below (or others), find definitions for the following types of cannibalism:

1. exocannibalism 2. endocannibalism 3. necro-cannibalism

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cannibalism>

<http://www.deathreference.com/BI-Ce/Cannibalism.html>

B. The Korowai people of Papua New Guinea practise endocannibalism. Use the web links to research the reasons why these people eat human flesh.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Korowai_people

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J-Vtk2dDkl8>

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/travel/sleeping-with-cannibals-128958913/>

C. The Wari' use cannibalism in different ways. Use the link to research the two different meanings and types of cannibalism among the Wari'.

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/exploration/news/news_cannibalism.htm

D. Write a summary of how the meaning of cannibalism varies between and within cultures. (You may like to consider how it reflects differences in attitudes towards death and bereavement in different cultures.)

Activity 3

Tamara Afifi is a Professor in the Department of Communication at UCSB.

A. Watch the clip and answer the questions that follow. <http://tedxtalks.ted.com/video/TEDxUCSB-Tamara-D-Afifi-TheImp;search%3Atag%3A%22tedxucsb%22>

1. What does Tamara Afifi say is the impact of divorce on children? 2. List the short term effects of divorce that Tamara Afifi states? 3. List the long term effects of divorce that Tamara Afifi states? 4. What is the pattern of the effect according to Paul Amoto (see also clip B)? 5. How has divorce changed since the 1970s according to Tamara Afifi? 6. What does Afifi say has happened to parent-child relationships? 7. Why does the change in parent-child relationships mean the effects of divorce are different? 8. What is the most important variable in determining the effect of divorce on children? 9. Which group of children does Afifi say have the most problems in later life? 10. What does the research on stress tell us about the impact of divorce on children?

B. Write a summary paragraph to answer the question, 'What is the impact of divorce on children?'