

Sociology – induction work – PHGS Sixth Form

Please complete this work over the summer in preparation for your Sociology course.

TASK 1 [Go to the video at this link](#). Alternatively, search 'Crash Course Sociology #1' on Youtube.

As you watch, take notes on the left and complete definitions on the right. **15 minutes**

Notes	Definitions
	Sociology
	The sociological perspective

TASK 2 [Watch and take notes on this video](#). Alternatively, search 'Crash Course Sociology #14' on Youtube.

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Notes	Definitions
	Socialisation
	Primary socialisation
	Secondary socialisation
	Hidden curriculum
	Peer groups

TASK 3 AND 4: SOCIALISATION

Socialisation is an important and fundamental sociological concept. It is the process by which we learn the **norms, values, habits, attitudes** and **behaviours** of our **culture**. This can be as everyday as greetings and clothing; as complex and significant as religion; as fundamental as language itself.

Think about what is normal to you (norms), what is important to you (values), and what you do every day (habits and behaviours).

How many of those are natural and instinctive, and how many are socially learned? What do you think you would be like if you had never learned *anything* from other human beings?

TASK 3 (optional):

[Watch this video](#) to explore how a lack of human socialisation impacts on a human being. Seeing the impact of its *absence* can help you appreciate the sheer power of socialisation in our lives. Note, the video is a little distressing, though fascinating.

TASK 4:

Bearing in mind what you have looked at in task 2 (and optional task 3), have a think about the 'positive' and 'negative' consequences of socialisation, and make an overall justified decision as to whether in your view it is more of a positive or negative phenomenon.

Positive results of socialisation	Negative results of socialisation
<i>What does being trained / socialised into joint habits allow us to achieve? What did Oksana (task 3) lack? Can you imagine a society without socialisation?</i>	<i>Does socialisation create categories and divisions that are harmful? Is it antithetical to (does it conflict with) individual freedom, and free will? Is it responsible for prejudice?</i>
Overall judgement + justification: overall, is socialisation a positive or negative phenomenon?	