A Level Sociology map: Year 12 (part 1)



Topic 1: Culture, socialisation & identity (KB)

Big question: *How are we socialised and how is our identity formed?*

1. Key sociological concepts: culture, norms and values
2. Socialisation – primary & secondary
3. Agencies of socialisation and social control
4. What is identity?
5. How is identity formed?



Topic 2: Media (DG)

Big question: *What role does the media play in society and how are different social groups represented?*

1. How are different social groups represented in the media – CAGES (class, age, gender, ethnicity & sexuality)
2. What are the sociological theories on the media?
3. What effect does the media have on audiences?
4. Patterns and trends in media consumption (last 30 years)
5. The media as an agency of social control

Year 12 PPE exam: Topics 1 & 2

A Level Sociology map: Year 12 (part 2)



Topic 3: Inequality (DG & KB)

Big question: *Why is there inequality in our society?*

1. What is class?
2. Patterns and trends in social inequality – CGE (class, gender & ethnicity)
3. Sociological theories on class inequalities
4. Sociological theories on gender inequalities
5. Sociological theories on ethnic inequalities
6. Social policy and inequality



Topic 4: Research methods (KB)

Big question: *How do sociologists understand our society?*

1. Factors influencing a research project
2. Theories on methods – positivism & interpretivism
3. Key concepts in sociological research
4. Practical factors affecting research
5. Ethical factors affecting research
6. Theoretical factors affecting research
7. Different types of methods and their usefulness

Year 13 PPE1: Topics 3 & 4

A Level Sociology map: Year 13



Topic 5: Crime and deviance (DG)

Big question: *What makes people commit crimes?*

1. Crime as a social construction
2. How crime is measured, including the dark figure and police discretion
3. Patterns and trends in offending & victimisation
4. Global organised crime, green crime and the global south
5. Sociological theories on crime
6. Sociological theories on offending
7. Crime prevention, punishment and social control, including rehabilitation and surveillance



Topic 6: Globalisation (KB)

Big question: *How has globalisation influenced how we live in society?*

1. What is globalisation?
2. Developments in digital forms of communication
3. Sociological theories on digital forms of communication
4. Impact of digital forms of communication on identity, relationships & values
5. Impact of digital forms of communication on culture, social order & conflict
6. The digital divide and social inequalities – class, gender, age & location

Revision for final exams