

SUMMER BRIDGING WORK 2026

Summer Bridging Work is an important part of your transition to Wilberforce Sixth Form College. This piece of work will count towards your effort grade. Please complete your summer bridging work in time for the start of term.

You are required to bring evidence in paper format and hand this into your subject teacher during your first lesson.

Sociology

OVERVIEW OF SUBJECT: if you are interested in our society and want to find out why things such as inequality exist this course will interest you. If you have a curiosity about human beings and their lives you will find sociology interesting and rewarding. Sociology prepares you for a lifetime of change, developing an appreciation of diversity, love of learning, writing and study skills, as well as a knowledge base about human behaviour, social organisation and culture

ENTRY CRITERIA A minimum of 5 GCSEs (9-4), including English Language & Maths

LITERACY TASKS

Key Sociological theory

Using the mind map example, create **5 mini mind maps** on a large piece of paper. Create one for each sociological theory:

- **Functionalism**
- **Marxism**
- **Feminism**
- **The New Right**
- **Interactionism**

For each mind map, include:

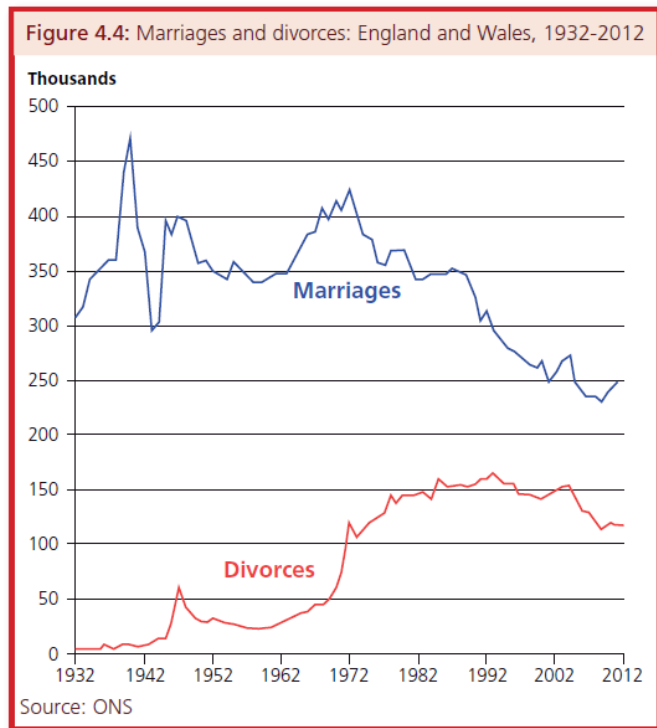
- What does this theory believe about society?
- What issues does it focus on? (e.g. family, education, crime, inequality)
- Who are the key sociologists linked to it?
- What are the strengths and weaknesses of this theory?
- Any interesting facts, examples, or pictures you can find.



NUMERACY TASK

Throughout the course, there will be many occasions where we will be looking at graphs and statistics to support key theories and sociological ideas. Don't worry, we will support you with this throughout for course.

For now, look at the following graph and complete the following questions:



- Approximately how many marriages took place in 1932?
- Approximately how many divorces took place in 2012?
- In which year do marriages appear to be at their highest?
- Calculate the difference between marriages and divorces in 1982.
- Approximately how many thousands did marriages fall by between 1972 and 2012?
- Looking at the overall trend, what has happened to:
 - marriage rates? Why do you think this?
 - divorce rates? Why do you think this?

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Below we have listed four careers linked to Sociology. You are tasked to research the four careers, choose one that most appeals to you and write a 200-word essay as to why you feel this career would be most suited to you.

- **Police Officer**
- **Marketing Executive**
- **Journalism**
- **Social Worker**

Kind regards

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If you have any queries regarding your Summer Bridging Work, please contact me via email . I will aim to respond before your enrolment appointment.