

A-Level Sociology Introductory day- Summer Homework- Researching Cultures and Sociological Theories 2025

Your Task: You need to research **TWO** different **CULTURES** and fill out the following table ready to discuss upon return. In the left hand column are some ideas to compare the two cultures.

- Try to use two very different cultures to make the discussion more interesting.
- For example, you might decide to look at the **UK** and **China**:
- You are free to make your own table and add as much detail as you wish.

	Country/Culture 1:	Country/Culture 2:
Religion/Religiosity		
Family types/Structure/ Roles		
Childhood experience/ Number of children per family/Age of sexual consent/Age allowed to work		
Crime rates/Types of crime		
Patterns of health/ill health		

Education system/Free education?		
Music/Styles/Preference/ Genres		
Leisure/Activities/Theatre/ Cinema		
Food and diet		
Gender roles		
Other examples?		

Questions:

- What was the most interesting cultural difference that you noted?
- Are there any cultural differences that we have missed out?
- How do we learn culture?

Task 2:

Research and make notes on the following sociological theories:

- 1. Functionalism**
- 2. Marxism**
- 3. Feminism**
- 4. Interactionism**
- 5. Postmodernism**

For each theory consider:

- What is their explanation of how society works?**
- What key concepts do they use? Have you identified and described them?**
- Are there are problems/criticisms with the theory?**