



Subject: Sociology A-level (Enrichment Material)

Know It (Knowledge)	Use It (Application)	Stretch It (Development)
<p>Topic: Secularisation Identify the arguments for and against the debate – British society is becoming more secular? Create a table... Secularisation is occurring versus Secularisation is a myth – record four reasons on both sides of the argument – use Onedrive Year 13 Beliefs to help with resources. Research the work of Functionalist Durkheim and Malinowski on the role of religion. Predict what the Marxist view is on the function of religion in society.</p>	<p>Conduct an interview or create a questionnaire and carry out research on three people to test the hypothesis – Britain is becoming more secular. Devise key questions to people’s religious knowledge test your hypothesis, collate your results, analyse and summarise your responses and draw your conclusions. Watch the ‘The Big Questions’ – should Britain become a secular state? Note down the two sides of the argument discussed. Watch the BBC documentary by Professor Robert Beckford ‘The battle of Christianity’ – create a table outlining the arguments for and against the claim that Britain is secular. Come to you own conclusion based on the evidence presented.</p>	<p>Consider the views of Malinowski and how religion can be used in times of crisis. Predict the impact the current pandemic may have on religious beliefs and organisations in the future. Research the impact of Globalisation on religion in Britain – consider technology, travel and immigration. Look up Lyon’s study ‘Jesus in Disneyland’ to help understand religion today. Research the levels of religiosity in other countries <i>eg</i> Latin America, Poland, USA and draw conclusions with the UK. Consider, is Britain alone or are other countries following suit?</p>
<p>Topic: The Rise of New Religious Movements. Research the variety of new religious movements that exist in Britain today. List the main reasons for the rise in the last 40 years.</p>	<p>Watch the Louis Theroux documentary ‘My Scientology Movie’. Watch ‘The most hated family in America’ – list the characteristics of these organisations that make them cult-like. Research the Kendal Project (Heelas and Woodhead): Follow Link 1 (below) Identify any evidence found in the Kendal project to support the claim of a ‘spiritual revolution’.</p>	<p>Read the BBC article ‘Tomorrow’s Gods: What is the future of religion?’ Draw your own conclusions – is religion completely dead? Is it declining or is it being revitalised. Explain your reasons. Debate the view that the rise in sects and cults and New Age movements is a sign of secularisation – make a list of reasons for and against.</p>
<p>Topic: Mass Media and Crime Research the work of Stan Cohen: Folk devils and moral panics-Watch the news report on Mods and Rockers in the 1960s. Summarise Cohen’s view on the impact of social media.</p>	<p>Research the London riots of August 2011. List the ways in which the media may have contributed to crime and deviance.</p>	<p>Write a detailed paragraph on your view of the following... <i>Moral panics are now outdated in this new era of sophisticated media technology and 24-hour rolling news.</i></p>

Links to websites used in this A-level enrichment sheet:

Link 1: <https://www.lancaster.ac.uk/fss/projects/ieppp/kendal/>