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| Highsted Knowledge Organiser | Subject: Sociology | Year: 11 | Terms: 4 and 5 |
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| What I need to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociological theories of social stratification • Socio-economic class • Life chances • Poverty as a social issue • Power and authority • Power relationships | Key Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absolute poverty • Achieved/ascribed status • Bourgeoisie • Capitalism • Culture of dependency • False class consciousness • Glass ceiling • Meritocracy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patriarchy • Poverty • Power • Proletariat • Relative deprivation • Social stratification • Underclass • Welfare state |
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Student reference point
[Sociology - GCSE - Social stratification learning journey.pdf](#)

GCSE: Topic 4: Social Stratification

SUBTOPICS

- Sociological theories of social stratification
- Socio-economic class
- Life chances
- Poverty as a social issue
- Power and authority and power relationships

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| SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES OF SOCIAL STRATIFICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory concepts for social stratification • Functionalist view of social stratification • Marxist view of social stratification • Feminist view of social stratification | Key theorist: -Davis and Moore | THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davis and Moore • Marx • Skeggs |
| SOCIO-ECONOMIC CLASS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types and measurement of socio-economic class. • Marxist view on class. • Weber view on class • Feminist view on class | Key theorist: -Marx -Weber | THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marx • Weber • Murray |
| LIFE CHANCES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to life chances • Life chances in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social class • Gender • Ethnicity • Sexuality • Age • Disability • Sociological theories of life chances e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism • Devine and the affluent worker | Key theorist: -Devine | THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devine • Goldthorpe |
| POVERTY AS A SOCIAL ISSUE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement of poverty • Sociological explanations of poverty e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism • Government action against poverty e.g. the welfare state • Impact of globalisation • Relative deprivation • The underclass | Key theorist: -Townsend -Murray | THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rowntree • Townsend • Murray • Pahl • Beveridge (report) |
| POWER AND AUTHORITY AND POWER RELATIONSHIPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forms of power • Sociological explanations of power e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism • Weber and power • Power relationships • Sociological explanations of power relationships e.g. e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism • Patriarchy | Key theorist: -Weber -Walby | THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weber • Milliband • Walby |

Challenge question:
 'Discuss how far sociologists would agree that poverty is caused by structural factors in society'

Suggested research:

- Watch 'Benefits street' and 'Made in Chelsea'
- Davis K and Moore W E, 'Some principles of stratification' in Bendix R and Lipset S M (eds), Class, Status and Power, 2nd edition, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1945 (republished 1967)
- Devine F, Affluent Workers Revisited, Edinburgh, Edinburgh University Press, 1992
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- Murray C, Losing Ground, New York, Basic Books, 1984
- Townsend P, Poverty in the United Kingdom, Harmondsworth, Penguin, 1979
- Walby S, Theorizing Patriarchy, Oxford, Blackwell, 1990
- Weber M, The Theory of Economic and Social Organizations, New York, Free Press, 1947 (republished 2012)