

AICE Sociology Summer Assignment

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Directions: Please utilise each of the following resources to answer the question by creating a comprehensive set of notes. The notes can be bulleted and should be typed into this word document. It is expected in this class that students will create revision (study) guides for all topics.

Unit 1: Socialisation and the Creation of Social Identity

What is **socialisation** and how is **social identity** created?

<p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Process of Learn... • The Construction of ... • Social Identity Theory • Social Identity Theory 	<p>Notes:</p>
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How do we define the following: **culture, roles, norms, values, beliefs, customs, ideology, power, status, and social construction?** Can you provide examples of each?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Process of Lear... • Ideology, Power, Co... • Power and Authority • What is Social Status? • The Social Construction of Reality 	<p>Notes:</p>
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What is the importance of **socialisation** in influencing human behaviour? Is it nature or nurture which determines human behaviour?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to culture, socialisation and social norms – <i>these three key concepts form the basis for sociology – introducing the basic sociological idea that behaviour is learnt through culture, rather than determined by biology.</i> • Nature and Nurture Explanations of Human Behaviour – <i>nature theories explain human behaviour in terms of</i> 	<p>Notes</p>
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<p><i>biological differences between individuals, nurture theories, which encompass pretty much all social theories (with the exception of aspects of New Right thought) emphasise the importance of social influences, such as the process of socialisation.</i></p>	
<p>How do agencies of social control, including family, education, peer group, media and religion shape our socialisation?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agents of Socialization • The Importance of Socialization 	<p>Notes</p>
<p>How is social control experienced and how do people conform to and resist it?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanisms of social control 	<p>Notes</p>
<p>What is the role of structure and agency in shaping the relationship between the individual and society? What are the differences between structuralist and interactionist views?</p>	
<p>Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Role of Structure and Agency • Structuralism vs. Interactionism 	<p>Notes:</p>

Which factors explain why individuals **conform** to social expectations, including sanctions, social pressure, self-interest and social exchange?

Resources:

- Mechanisms of social contro...
 - The Influence of Social Pres...
- [The Social Exchange Theory](#)

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