

Welcome to A-Level Sociology! Sociology is the study of society and of people and their behaviour. Sociologists study a wide range of topics like education, families and households, beliefs in society and crime and deviance. Sociologists collect evidence methodically by carrying out research to establish whether their theories are correct. Our course is 100% assessed via 3 external written examinations (AQA Board) and we are a literacy based subject. Please complete our transition task by your first lesson back in September.

TRANSITION TASK

Prepare a presentation which answers the question ‘Who should be held responsible for the Grenfell disaster of 2017?’

To fully address this question, your presentation must also consider the following:

- How did the fire start and how did it manage to spread so quickly?
- What evidence is there to suggest that the fire could have been prevented?
- Why do some people feel that the authorities did not do enough to support the residents of Grenfell?
- Who do you feel (if anybody) should be held responsible for this tragedy?
- Why might sociologists in particular be interested in researching events like Grenfell?



Your presentation can take one of the following forms:

- A spoken presentation with supporting materials, such as PowerPoint (lasting approximately 5 minutes)
- A written report or information booklet
- A short video (lasting approximately 5 minutes)

Extension task:

Choose 1 of the 3 sociologists/sociological perspectives from the list below. How might your chosen sociologist/perspective answer the same question ‘Who should be held responsible for the Grenfell disaster of 2017?’:

- Karl Marx and Marxism
- Talcott Parsons and Functionalism
- Ann Oakley and Feminism

Possible resources to use:

- BBC iPlayer, (1) London Tower Fire: Britain’s Shame and (2) Grenfell: Who Is To Blame?
- ITV Hub, Grenfell: The First 24 Hours
- YouTube, enter Grenfell Tower into the search option (thousands of resources available)
- Use Google or Google Scholar to help you to complete the extension task by searching for relevant articles and materials on your chosen sociologist/sociological perspective