

GETTING AHEAD



Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

Sociology – A Level

Sociology is all around us. Studying Sociology is a transformative experience and will help you to see the world differently. It makes us question and explore the realities of the world around us. Events in the news can reveal a lot about the society we live in. For example, the impact of Covid-19 on Education and the Grenfell Tower fire in London.

Activity

Uncovering the World of Feral Children

Research examples of feral children such as Oxana or Genie. Summarise how the concept of feral children show the importance of how we are raised. Your piece should explore what feral children are, what feral children are deprived of in their first years of life and the effects that this deprivation has on the children. Your summary should be no more than 500 words.

Extra Challenge: COVID-19

Write an essay exploring the effects of Coronavirus on society and education. Consider a range of different impacts and how these impacts may affect individual people, groups of people and wider social institutions. Your essay should be no more than 1000 words. The article by the Sutton Trust may help:

<https://www.suttontrust.com/our-research/social-mobility-and-covid-19/>

Read

Gang Leader for a Day

Try to purchase a copy of 'Gang Leader for a Day' by Sudhir Venkatesh.

Deadly Cityscapes of Inequality

Read the following article from the Sociology Review journal:

<https://www.thesociologicalreview.com/deadly-cityscapes-of-inequality/>
(thesociologicalreview.com) and answer the questions that follow.

1. Does every person have an equal chance of being in a catastrophe like the Grenfell fire?
2. Which two events does Prof Madden compare the Grenfell fire to?
3. Which two characteristics make a person more likely to experience a disaster like this?
4. What is the "politics of disposability"?
5. Why weren't these disasters prevented?

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Watch

When They See Us - Netflix

In 1989 a jogger was assaulted and raped in New York's Central Park and five young people were subsequently charged with the crime. The quintet, labelled the Central Park Five, maintained its innocence and spent years fighting the convictions, hoping to be exonerated.

Made in Dagenham – Netflix

Rita O'Grady works at the Ford Motor Co. plant in Dagenham, England. Despite performing the specialised task of sewing upholstery for car seats, women are classified as unskilled labour and paid much less than men. Encouraged by a sympathetic union representative, Rita agrees to bring the women's grievances to Ford. The meeting goes badly, and outraged by the company's lack of respect for them, Rita leads her colleagues to strike.

Did You Know?

1. In 2019 there were over 63,225 more girls than boys at university.
2. Over 40% of male young offenders are Black or Mixed Ethnicity.
3. Homosexuality is illegal in over 70 countries, and in at least six it is punishable by death.
4. In 1972, **women** were allowed to compete officially in the Boston **Marathon** for the first time.

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