

# Transition Subject Tasks



**Subject:** Sociology

**Course:** A Level

**Exam Board:** AQA


*Tasks below are to be completed before September 2020*

To prepare you for studying Sociology in September you need to get your brain thinking critically and have a good knowledge of current affairs. Use the resources below to help you to do this



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A. Watch the film *Educating Rita* on youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4z8OcnWU-Y>. Write a sociological review of the film, commenting on what it tells us about social class, gender roles and education. What did you think of the key characters, Rita, Frank and Rita's husband Denny? How do their social backgrounds influence their behaviour?

B. Read this article on 'The Lost Boys':

<https://www.newstatesman.com/politics/education/2016/09/lost-boys-how-white-working-class-got-left-behind> and create a table of all the reasons why white working class boys are failing at school. One column should be headed 'factors inside school' (e.g. interactions with teachers, peer group etc) and the other 'factors outside school' (e.g. poverty at home, wider community).

C. Watch the C4 documentary '21 kids and counting':

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/21-kids-and-counting> (free to view; C4 login needed).

Write a sociological review of this programme, including:

What is unusual/surprising about the Radford family? Are they what you expected?

Why/why not? What can we learn from them about family life in modern Britain? What

pressures do the family face and how do they manage these? Is this a 'functional' family,

where everything works smoothly for the benefit of the whole, or a 'dysfunctional family'?

Explain your view.