

A Level Sociology Year 11-12 Summer Homework

Carry out an interview with an older adult (parent or neighbour) about how they see their own experience of socialisation.

- About their family of origin, were they raised by their parent/s or someone else, in the UK or a different country? What values do they feel were passed on to them?
- About their experiences of education (state, independent, rural or urban?) and how this shaped them
- Finally, explore how ONE of the following forms of social differentiation has impacted them: gender, social class, ethnicity or sexuality. You might want to explore how this has either acted as a barrier or as a form of privilege.
- Try to ask open questions e.g. what, why, how etc to encourage your interviewee to open up.

Please write up your findings into a report of approx 500-750 words. Include:

- Brief introduction of how your interviewee is (gender, age etc.) - do not use their real name!
- Findings – analysis of the key things you found out. Try not to just describe but look for patterns and focus on their experiences.
- Brief evaluation of your method: identify one strength of using interviews and one weakness. Is there an alternative method that you think would have been better.