

# KS5 Reading List for Sociology

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### Core Textbooks

1. **AQA A-level Sociology (4th edition)** by **Ken Browne**  
A popular and comprehensive textbook covering all the key topics of the AQA A-level Sociology specification.
2. **AQA A-Level Sociology: The Complete Companion** by **Phil Harris** and **John S. R. Wilson**  
This book provides detailed explanations, with a focus on theory, methods, and application to the real world.
3. **Sociology for AQA Volume 1 & 2** by **David Bown**  
A series that is closely aligned to the AQA syllabus, including examples, case studies, and revision questions.
4. **AQA A-level Sociology (Collins)** by **Rob Webb, Hal Westergaard, and Jane Simmonds**  
Offers clear, detailed content for students studying the AQA specification, with a variety of practice questions.

### Revision Guides

1. **AQA A-Level Sociology Revision Guide** by **John D. H. Smith**  
A student-friendly revision guide for AQA Sociology A-level students, summarizing key content with exam-style questions.
2. **AQA A-Level Sociology: Revision Workbook** by **Jacqui Smith**  
Includes practice questions, summaries, and tips for all three main topics in the AQA Sociology course (Families, Education, and Research Methods).
3. **AQA Sociology A-Level and AS (Revision Notes)** by **Raymond Hughes**  
Offers concise notes for students to quickly revise all aspects of the curriculum.

### Supplementary Texts

1. **Sociology: A Brief Introduction** by **Richard T. Schaefer**  
A clear and concise introduction to the field of sociology, ideal for bridging the gap between A-level and university-level sociology.
2. **The Sociology Book** (DK Big Ideas Simply Explained series)  
A great resource for understanding sociological concepts, theories, and thinkers in a visual and easy-to-understand format.

3. **The Structure of Sociological Theory** by Jonathan H. Turner

A deeper dive into the theoretical approaches in sociology for students looking for a more advanced understanding.

4. **Social Theory: A Guide to Critical Theory** by Stephen P. Turner

Useful for deepening understanding of classical and contemporary sociological theories, focusing on critical theory.

### Websites & Online Resources

1. **Sociology Central** ([www.sociology.org.uk](http://www.sociology.org.uk))

A comprehensive resource with free revision materials, theory guides, and detailed notes on all topics in A-level Sociology.

2. **Tutor2u Sociology** ([www.tutor2u.net/sociology](http://www.tutor2u.net/sociology))

Offers revision notes, lesson materials, and exam practice questions, as well as blog posts and videos for Sociology.

3. **The Sociological Imagination**

An educational blog and online community with discussion and insights into sociological theories and issues.

4. **AQA Sociology A-Level Resources**

The official AQA website provides specification details, past papers, and mark schemes to help with exam preparation.

### Journals

1. **Sociology Review**

This magazine provides accessible articles on current sociological topics, ideal for deepening your understanding of issues discussed in class.

2. **British Journal of Sociology**

A more advanced journal, but useful for those looking to explore sociological research in greater detail, especially for the independent study or research methods sections.

3. **Journal of Contemporary Sociology**

A great resource for understanding contemporary issues and sociological analysis, which can be useful for applying theory to real-world examples.

### Recommended Reading for Specific Topics

1. **Families and Households**

- *The Social Construction of Gender* by Judith Butler
- *The Sociology of the Family* by Lynn Jamieson

## 2. Education

- *Social Class and Educational Inequality* by **Sociology Central**
- *Education and Society* by **Mike Cole**

## 3. Research Methods

- *Research Methods in Sociology* by **Linda McKie**
- *Sociology: A Global Perspective* by **Joel M. Charon**

### Study & Exam Preparation Tips

- **Flashcards** for key theories, concepts, and research studies. You can find pre-made flashcards on platforms like Quizlet or make your own.
- **Past Papers** and **Mark Schemes** available on the AQA website for practice.
- **Sociology Podcasts** like "The Sociological Review" or "Sociology at the Movies" offer accessible content for understanding complex ideas.