

Introduction to Sociology



“Self and Society Project”

This pack is designed to help you structure and complete a project about yourself and society. It will act as an introduction to the Sociology A-Level and will equip you with some of the key concepts and ideas that underpin the study of Sociology. We want this to be a personal and creative project, therefore how you present your work is up to you. You may decide to design a presentation, create a wall display, write a speech or simply hand in a structured, written piece – the choice is yours!

This will be the first piece of work that will be assessed by the Sociology department and it should demonstrate to us your understanding and commitment to studying Sociology at A Level.

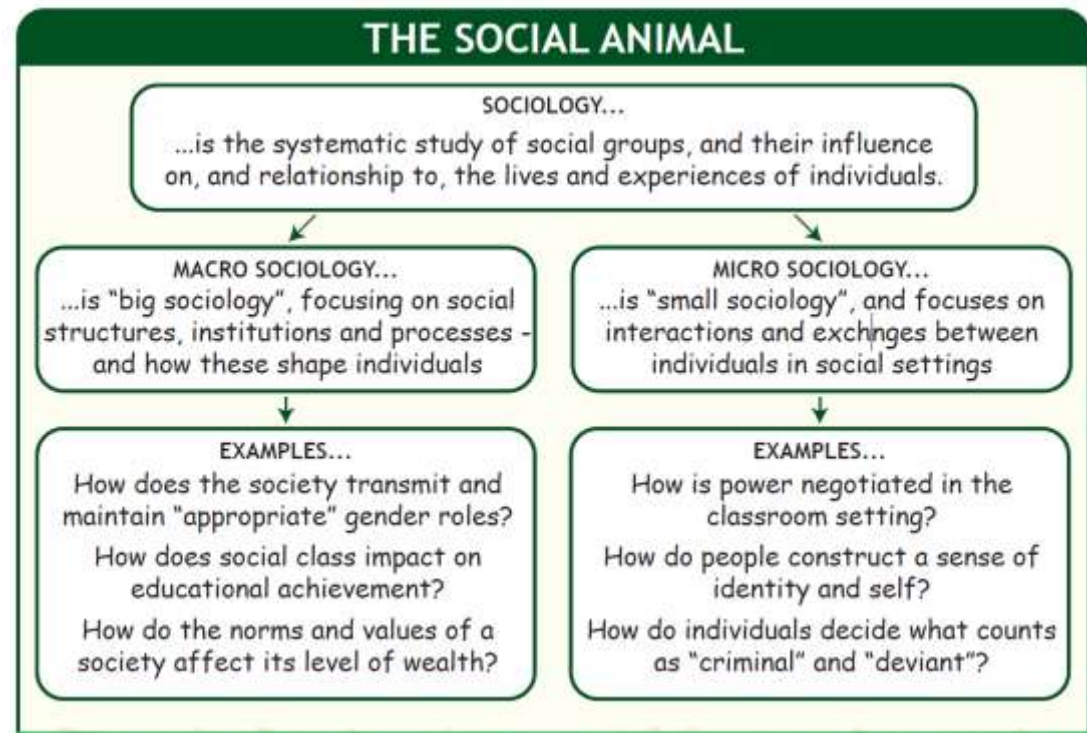
How to use this guidance pack:

- There are 5 sections to complete:
 - ✓ Macro/Micro approach to Sociology
 - ✓ Socialisation of individuals
 - ✓ Forms of identity
 - ✓ Social Stratification – a divided society?
 - ✓ Forms of Social control

For each section, use the information provided to help you present answers to the questions listed.

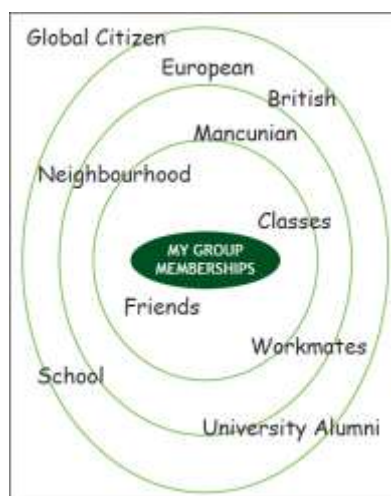
- You may wish to research some of the terms/ideas further to help you produce your piece of work, via the internet/library/textbooks
- Each section should take approximately half an hour to complete.

Macro and Micro Sociology

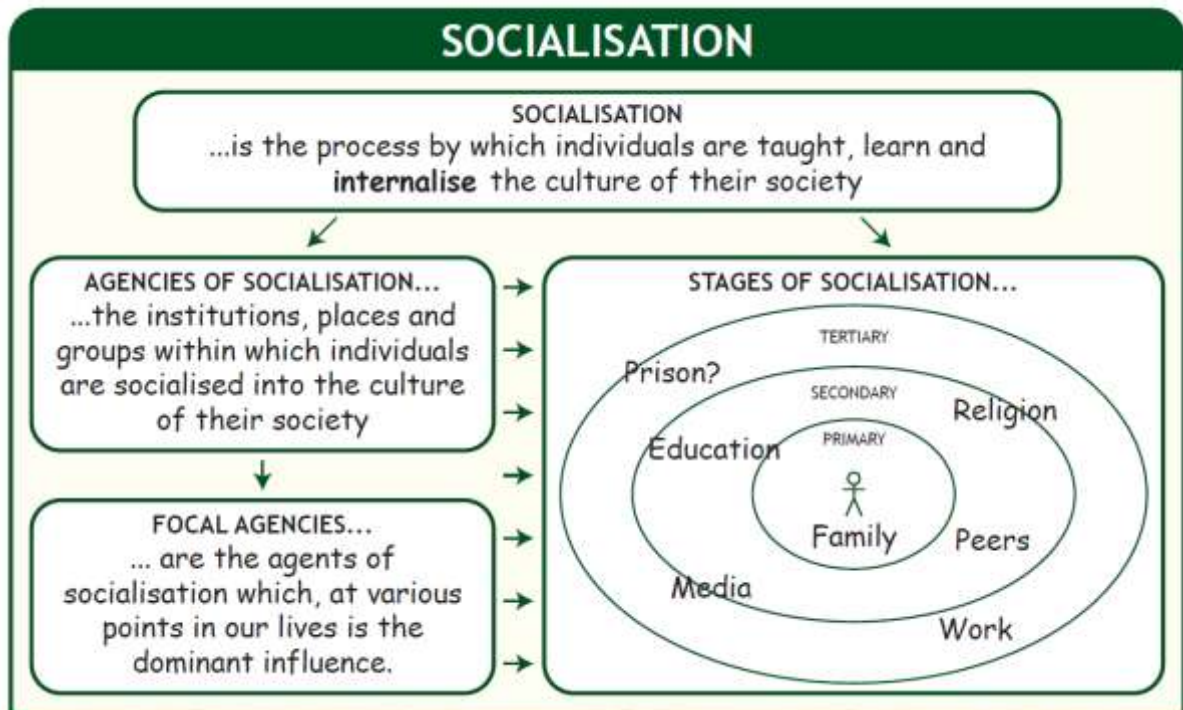


Using the diagram above and additional research, if necessary, complete the following tasks:

1. Think about a range of "social groups" that you belong to and create your own version of the diagram below. It should move from the micro (inner circles) to the macro (outer circles) depending on the size and nature of the group



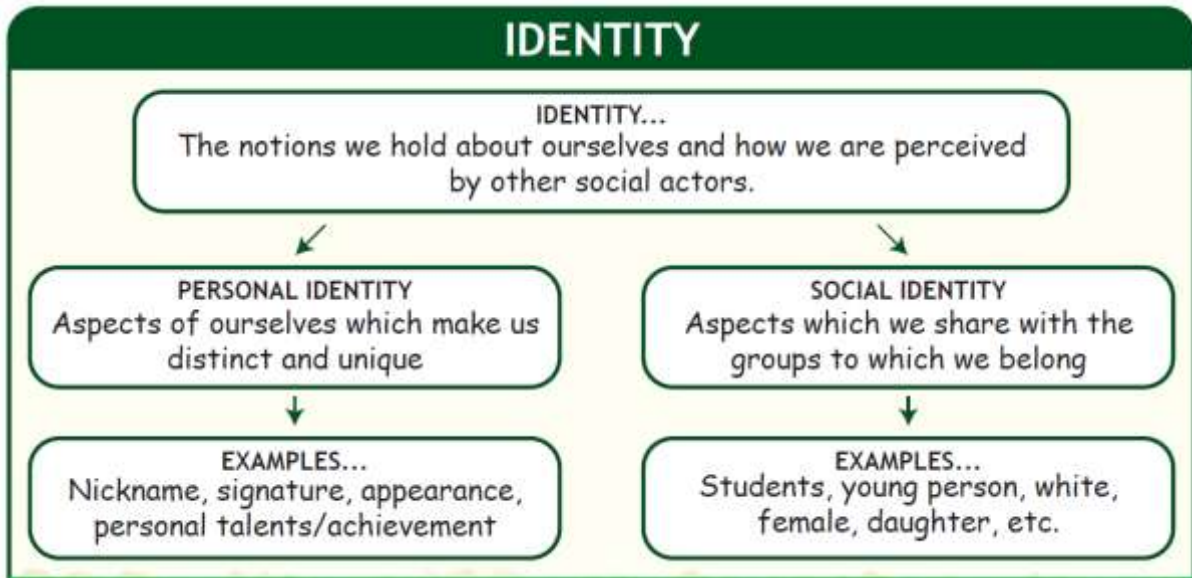
Socialisation



Using the diagram above and additional research, if necessary, complete the following tasks:

1. Consider your experiences of primary socialisation and provide examples of how your **family** affected your social development. How have your parents/guardians shaped and influenced you into becoming the person you are?
2. With regard to Secondary socialisation, consider how your experiences in the **Education** system have shaped and influenced you into becoming the person you are.

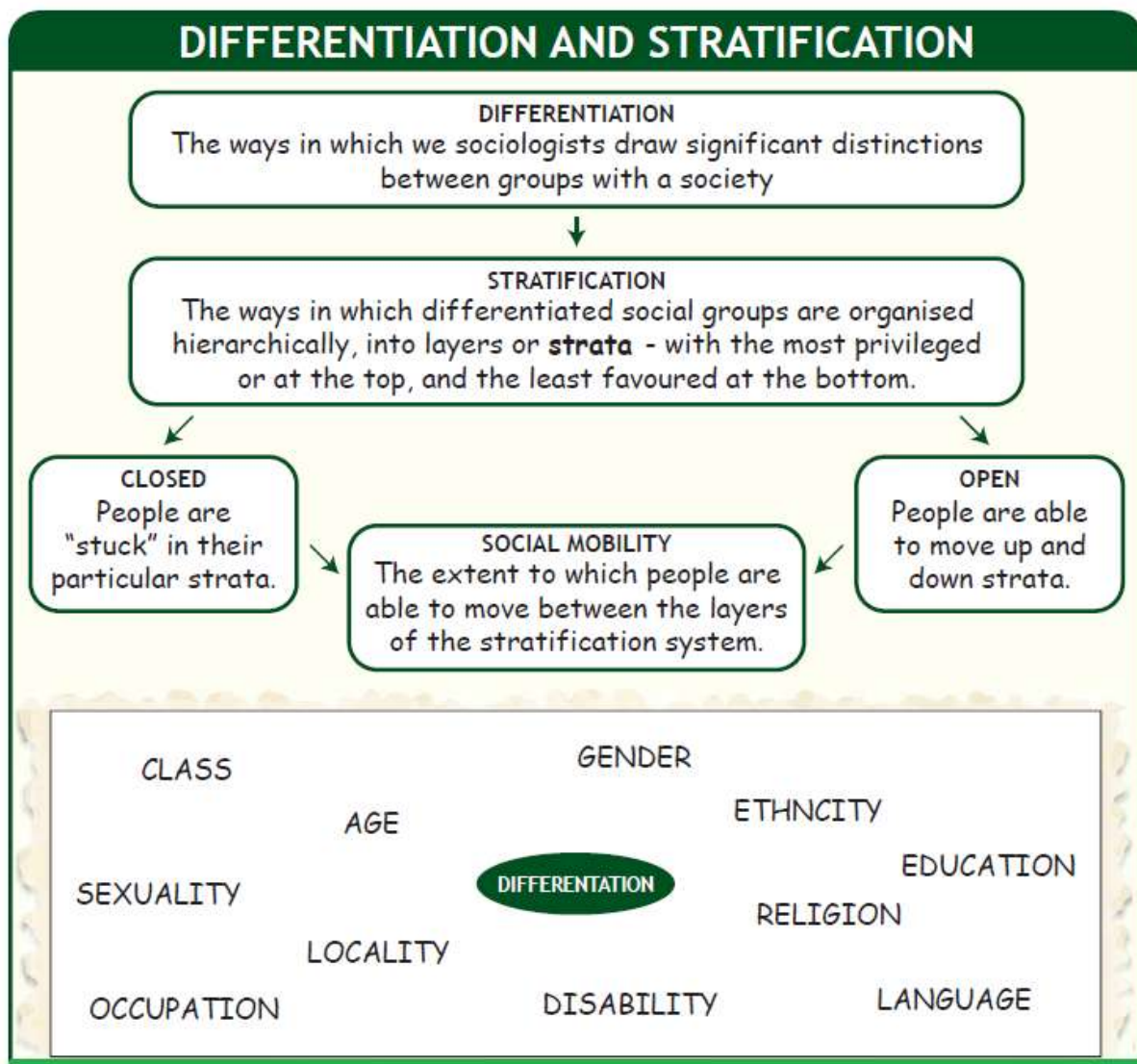
Forms of Identity



Using the diagram above and additional research, if necessary, complete the following tasks:

1. In whatever way you chose, present a summary of both your personal and social identities. You may wish to consider similarities between identities, differences, how they influence each other and external agencies that influence your identity too.

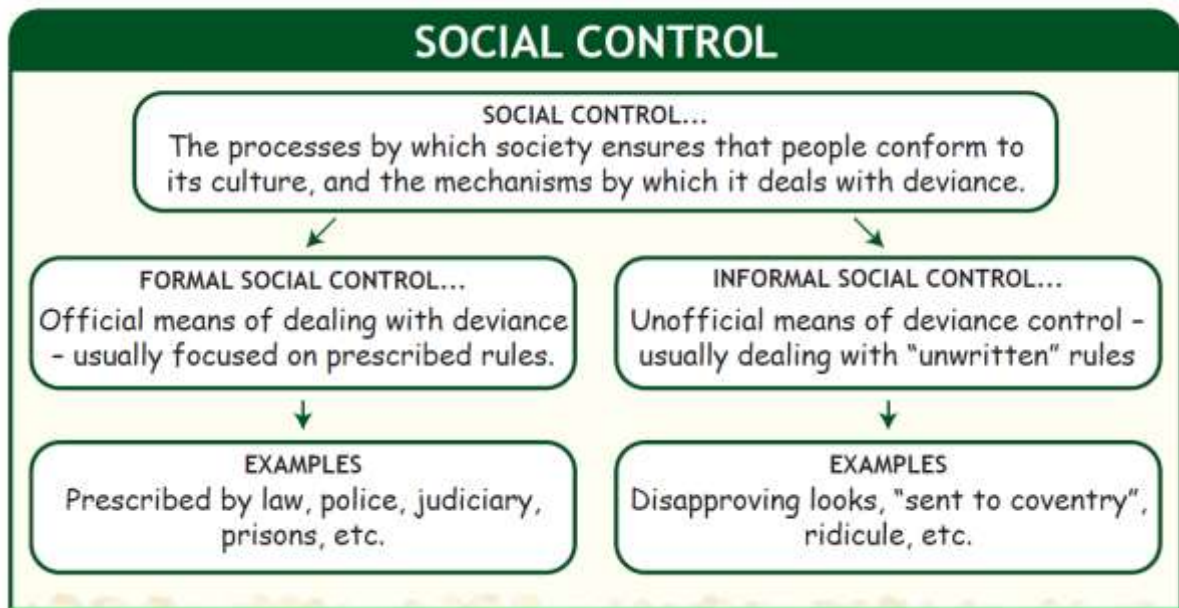
Social Stratification – a divided society?



Using the diagram above and additional research, if necessary, complete the following tasks:

1. Using the differentiation mind map above, record your own distinctive characteristics (eg. Male, 16, Muslim...). For each one, consider the extent to which you are able to *change* that part of your identity.

Social Control



Using the diagram above and additional research, if necessary, complete the following tasks:

1. Consider the Education system. Think about the range of formal and informal controls used to shape behaviour of students AND staff