



Key studies: Davis & Moore, Devine, Marx, Murray, Weber, Walby

Social Stratification	I've studied this and I'm confident	I've studied this, but not confident	I've not studied this at all
Topic 1: Social stratification			
1. What is social stratification?			
2. Different types of social stratification (slavery, caste, estates, class)			
Topic 2: Functionalism and social stratification			
1. Why do Functionalists believe that social stratification is a 'universal necessity'?			
2. KEY STUDY: the ideas of Davis & Moore & criticisms of them			
3. Inequalities in income between different groups			
Topic 3: Socio-economic class			
1. What is socio-economic class?			
2. Who is in the upper, middle and working classes?			
3. National statistics and the classification of socio-economic class			
Topic 4: Marx on class			
1. KEY STUDY: the key ideas of Karl Marx and criticisms of them			
2. Marxist views of socio-economic class including: Means of production, Division of labour, Capitalism, Class conflict, Polarisation of social classes, Alienation, Crisis of capitalism, Communism			
Topic 5: Weber on class			
1. KEY STUDY: the key ideas of Max Weber on class and criticisms of them			
2. Weber's views of socio-economic class including: Market situation, Life chances, Status, value and lifestyle, Party			
Topic 6: Life chances			
1. What are life chances?			
2. How does social class affect life chances?			
3. How does gender affect life chances?			
4. How does ethnicity affect life chances?			
5. How does age affect life chances?			
6. Is Britain a meritocratic society?			
Topic 7: The Affluent Worker			
1. Are members of the working class becoming more like the middle class?			
2. Affluent workers and the embourgeoisement thesis (Goldthorpe et al): instrumental attitudes, privatism (home-centred), class identity			
3. KEY STUDY: Fiona Devine's criticisms of the embourgeoisement thesis			

<i>Topic 8: Social Mobility</i>			
4. What is social mobility and how far is it taking place?			
5. The difference between vertical, intra-generational and intergenerational mobility			
6. Social mobility and the Child Poverty Commission			
<i>Topic 9: Poverty and relative deprivation</i>			
1. Measuring poverty: the difference between absolute and relative measures of poverty, advantages and disadvantages of each			
2. Sociological explanations for poverty and its impacts on different social groups			
3. KEY STUDY: key ideas of Peter Townsend on relative deprivation and criticisms of them			
<i>Topic 10: The Welfare State and the underclass</i>			
1. What is the Welfare State?			
2. New Right perspectives on welfare			
3. Centre-left perspectives on welfare			
4. Marxist and Feminist perspectives on welfare			
5. Who is in the underclass?			
6. KEY STUDY: the ideas of Charles Murray on welfare dependency, welfare reform and the underclass; criticisms of them			
<i>Topic 11: Globalisation</i>			
1. What is globalisation? Impacts on the UK and criticisms of it			
<i>Topic 13: Weber on Power</i>			
1. How did Weber define power?			
2. Weber's ideas on rational (legal), traditional and charismatic authority, and criticisms of them			
<i>Topic 14: Political Power</i>			
1. What is political power?			
2. The nation state, democracy and constitutions			
3. Political parties in the UK, elections and voting behaviour			
<i>Topic 15: Power relationships</i>			
1. What are power relationships?			
2. Factors affecting power relationships: social class, gender			
3. Elite groups and power, interest groups			
<i>Topic 16: Patriarchy</i>			
1. KEY STUDY: the ideas of Sylvia Walby on patriarchy and criticisms of them			
2. Patriarchy, Feminism, gender and power			
<i>Topic 17: Research Methods & Social Stratification (see separate PLC)</i>			

