



Highsted Knowledge Organiser	Subject: Sociology	Year: 11	Terms: 1 and 2
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What I need to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociological theories of crime and deviance • Patterns of crime • Data and crime • Debates about crime and deviance 	Key Vocabulary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anomie • Chivalry thesis • Corporate crime • Criminal subculture • Dark figure of crime • Delinquency • Deviancy amplification • Folk devils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender deal • Institutional racism • Labelling • Media amplification • Moral panic • News value • Scapegoat • Status frustration
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Student reference point
[Sociology - GCSE - Crime learning journey.pdf](#)

GCSE topic: Crime

SUBTOPICS

- Sociological theories relating to crime and deviance
- Patterns of crime
- Data and crime
- Debates about crime and deviance

SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES RELATING TO CRIME AND DEVIANCE

- Introductory concepts crime and deviance
- Functionalist theories of crime
- Marxist theories of crime
- Feminist theories of crime
- Interactionist theories of crime
- Comparison of approaches
- Social control

Key theorist:
 -Merton
 -Becker
 -Heidensohn

THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

- Durkheim (functionalism)
- Merton (functionalism)
- Cohen (functionalism)
- Marx (Marxism)
- Heidensohn (feminism)
- Becker (interactionism)

PATTERNS OF CRIME

- Social class and crime
 - Patterns of crime
 - Theories to explain them
- Gender and crime
 - Patterns of crime
 - Theories to explain them
- Age and crime
 - Patterns of crime
 - Theories to explain them
- Ethnicity and crime
 - Patterns of crime
 - Theories to explain them

Key theorist:
 -Cohen
 -Carlen

THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

- Murray
- Merton
- Cohen
- Gordon
- Becker
- Chambliss
- McRobbie
- Heidensohn
- Pollack
- Adler
- Carlen
- Miller
- Brake
- Matza
- Katz and Lyng
- Gilly
- Hall
- Phillips and Bowling

DATA AND CRIME

- Official crime statistics
- Victim surveys
- Self report studies
- Sociological perspectives on data and crime
- The dark figure of crime

DEBATES ABOUT CRIME AND DEVIANCE

- Should people be sent to prison for their crimes, or should they be rehabilitated?
- Should violent criminals get life in prison?
- Should young people be punished for their crimes, or rehabilitated?
- Are the media biased in their presentation of crime?
- Does the media create crime in society?

THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)

- Reiner
- Matza
- Newburn
- Ditton and Duffy
- Cohen
- Hall
- Anderson

Challenge question:

‘Discuss how far sociologists would agree that crime is due to poor socialisation’

Suggested research:

- Watch documentaries to do with youth crime, or prison.
- Becker H S, Outsiders, New York, The Free Press, 1963
- Carlen P, Women, Crime and Poverty, Milton Keynes, Open University Press, 1988
- Cohen A, Delinquent Boys, Glencoe, The Free Press, 1955
- Heidensohn F, Women and Crime, London, Macmillan, 1985
- Merton R K , Social Theory and Social Structure, New York, The Free Press, 1938 (republished in an enlarged edition in 1968)