



<b>Highsted Knowledge Organiser</b>	<b>Subject: Sociology</b>	<b>Year: 11</b>	<b>Terms: 4 and 5</b>
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<b>What I need to know:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociological theories of social stratification</li> <li>• Socio-economic class</li> <li>• Life chances</li> <li>• Poverty as a social issue</li> <li>• Power and authority</li> <li>• Power relationships</li> </ul>	<b>Key Vocabulary:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absolute poverty</li> <li>• Achieved/ascribed status</li> <li>• Bourgeoisie</li> <li>• Capitalism</li> <li>• Culture of dependency</li> <li>• False class consciousness</li> <li>• Glass ceiling</li> <li>• Meritocracy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patriarchy</li> <li>• Poverty</li> <li>• Power</li> <li>• Proletariat</li> <li>• Relative deprivation</li> <li>• Social stratification</li> <li>• Underclass</li> <li>• Welfare state</li> </ul>
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**Student reference point**  
[Sociology - GCSE - Social stratification learning journey.pdf](#)

**\* GCSE: Topic 4: Social Stratification \***

SUBTOPICS	Sociological theories of social stratification	Socio-economic class	Life chances	Poverty as a social issue	Power and authority and power relationships
<b>SOCIOLOGICAL THEORIES OF SOCIAL STRATIFICATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory concepts for social stratification</li> <li>• Functionalist view of social stratification</li> <li>• Marxist view of social stratification</li> <li>• Feminist view of social stratification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types and measurement of socio-economic class.</li> <li>• Marxist view on class.</li> <li>• Weber view on class</li> <li>• Feminist view on class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to life chances</li> <li>• Life chances in relation to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social class</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Ethnicity</li> <li>• Sexuality</li> <li>• Age</li> <li>• Disability</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sociological theories of life chances e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism</li> <li>• Devine and the affluent worker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measurement of poverty</li> <li>• Sociological explanations of poverty e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism</li> <li>• Government action against poverty e.g. the welfare state</li> <li>• Impact of globalisation</li> <li>• Relative deprivation</li> <li>• The underclass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms of power</li> <li>• Sociological explanations of power e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism</li> <li>• Weber and power</li> <li>• Power relationships</li> <li>• Sociological explanations of power relationships e.g. functionalism, Marxism and feminism</li> <li>• Patriarchy</li> </ul>
	<b>Key theorist:</b> -Davis and Moore	<b>Key theorist:</b> -Marx -Weber	<b>Key theorist:</b> -Devine	<b>Key theorist:</b> -Townsend -Murray	<b>Key theorist:</b> -Weber -Walby
	<b>THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)</b> • Davis and Moore • Marx • Skeggs	<b>THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)</b> • Marx • Weber • Murray	<b>THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)</b> • Devine • Goldthorpe	<b>THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)</b> • Rowntree • Townsend • Murray • Pahl • Beveridge (report)	<b>THEORISTS (NOT EXHAUSTIVE)</b> • Weber • Millsand • Walby

**Challenge question:**  
 ‘Discuss how far sociologists would agree that poverty is caused by structural factors in society’

**Suggested research:**

- Watch ‘Benefits street’ and ‘Made in Chelsea’
- Davis K and Moore W E, ‘Some principles of stratification’ in Bendix R and Lipset S M (eds), Class, Status and Power, 2nd edition, Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1945 (republished 1967)
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