

Research key sociologists

Research task: Get to know the sociologists...

Using the internet, library or books in the classroom, research **one** of the following sociologists and create a factsheet about them. These are all sociologists that you will come across during Unit 1 or 2. The factsheet should not be more than a side of A4. It may be written out by hand or done on a computer.

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| 1. Rhona Rapoport | 10. Bowles and Gintis |
| 2. Peter Wilmott | 11. Becky Francis |
| 3. Michael Young | 12. Stephen Ball |
| 4. Eli Zaretsky | 13. Charles Murray |
| 5. Pierre Bourdieu | 14. Albert Cohen |
| 6. Christine Delphy | 15. Robert Merton |
| 7. Diana Leonard | 16. William Chambliss |
| 8. Ann Oakley | 17. Pat Carlen |
| 9. David Hargreaves | 18. Stan Cohen |

Success criteria

You must:

- include the following **biographical information** about them: date of birth, date of death (if applicable), place of birth, where they lived, with what university/institute they are associated (if any);
- describe an **important theory** that your sociologist is famous for. Some may be known for more than one theory – you may choose just one theory, or include more if you feel confident;
- write about at least one piece of **research** that the sociologist carried out. Describe what they did and what they found;
- use **section headers** to make your factsheet easy to read;
- include details of where you got the information from (websites, textbooks etc); and
- write in your own words.

You could:

- include a **photo** of the sociologist if you are able to locate one
- write about the **influence** the sociologist has had on sociology/society
- include some **interesting facts** about the sociologist, even if they are not directly linked to sociology (e.g. Christine Delphy was one of the first feminists to oppose the law which forbids the Muslim scarf in schools in France).