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TRANSITION READING LIST

SUBJECT: **SOCIOLOGY**

Introductory Sociology Books

- **"Sociology: A Very Short Introduction"** by Steve Bruce

A concise and accessible introduction to the basic concepts and ideas in sociology.

- **"Sociology for Dummies"** by Jay Gabler

An easy-to-read guide that breaks down complex sociological concepts into understandable chunks.

- **"The Sociology Book"** (Big Ideas Simply Explained) by DK

A visual guide that explains key sociological ideas and theories in a straightforward and engaging manner.

Key Sociological Themes

- **"Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything"** by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

An engaging look at how sociological and economic principles can explain everyday phenomena.

- **"Gang Leader for a Day: A Rogue Sociologist Takes to the Streets"** by Sudhir Venkatesh

A fascinating case study that delves into urban sociology and the life within gangs.

- **"Chavs: The Demonization of the Working Class"** by Owen Jones

A contemporary exploration of class issues in modern Britain.

Online Sociology Courses and Lectures

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- Enrol in free online courses from platforms like Coursera or Khan Academy that offer introductory sociology lectures and materials.

Sociology Podcasts

- Listen to sociology-related podcasts like "The Sociology Show" or "Thinking Allowed" by BBC Radio 4 to gain insights into contemporary sociological debates and research.

Interactive Sociology Websites

- Explore websites like the British Sociological Association (BSA) or the American Sociological Association (ASA) for resources, articles, and interactive content that provide deeper insights into the field of sociology.
- Tutor2u website and YouTube channel for a range of resources and short explanatory videos

Additional Reading List

Noughts and Crosses – Malorie Blackman

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

Welcome to nowhere – Elizabeth Laird

I am Malala – by Malala Yousafazi and Christina Lamb

The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins

Maus – Art Spiegelman

The spy who came in from the cold – by John le carre and William Boyd