

Sociology is a subject which studies current issues around the world. It is a subject which:

- ✓ you can apply it to your everyday life
- ✓ expands your knowledge
- ✓ develops your critical thinking skills
- ✓ helps you to engage in discussions
- ✓ opens a lot of career paths.



become a
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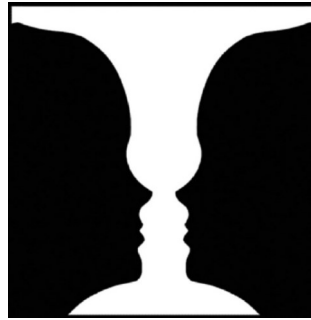


What is Sociology?

Sociology is a very interesting subject. It is a subject which studies how human beings behave in society. It helps you develop a '*sociological imagination*' and look at issues in ways you never thought of before. We start to ask questions about things that most of us take for granted, such as why females and males are seen differently, why do we have racism, why certain people buy things they believe will improve their image in society. Sociology helps you to *think critically*.



There is no one fixed perspective in Sociology. Take the example of the picture below:



Some might think that this picture is only showing two people looking at each other. However, if you look deeper you can notice that there is a candle holder as well.

There is no right or wrong answer, just more than one perspective. In Sociology we study different *sociological perspectives*.

We study the following topics:

- ◆ Culture and Identity
- ◆ Gender and Sexuality
- ◆ Media and Communication
- ◆ Family
- ◆ Crime and Deviance
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ Environment
- ◆ Ethnicity and Migration
- ◆ Welfare and Social Policy

