

Research Methods Mind Maps for A-Level Sociology

This zip file contains **5 mind maps** which summarise the following content:

1. Positivism and Interpretivism
2. Field Experiments
3. Social surveys
4. Unstructured interviews
5. Participant observation

These mind maps have been designed to cover the research methods part of the AQA sociology A-Level syllabus, the new 2015 Specification onwards. They would also be suitable for any student sitting the AS sociology exam.

Worth noting about the 'structure' of this content:

Each of the specific research methods mind maps (2-4 above) are broken down into following formats:

- *Definitions/ types*
- *Practical, ethical and theoretical strengths*
- *Practical, ethical and theoretical limitations*
- *Nature of topic/ contrasts between different sub-types of method.*

This content is derived from the research methods part of the theory and methods AQA specification. I have used a combination of the main A-level text books to put these maps together (mainly Chapman et al, Sociology AQA A-Level, Year Two, published by Collins).

How to use these mind maps

It is assumed that you have already worked through, or are currently working through the A level syllabus, with the assistance of text books and (ideally) a competent teacher.

The point of these maps is not to teach the content, they are revision-aids, which provide a quick visual-overview of the core content of the A level sociology specification.

Their main use will be to reinforce how all of the various bits of knowledge in the A level sociology syllabus fit together, and they should also help you to keep this information fresh in your mind in the build up to the exam.

I hope you find them useful.

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