

Sociology Summer Project 2023



Dear Students

Please could investigate the topic of childhood (using sociology to explain how notions of childhood changes over time)

[Childhood: Is Childhood Disappearing | tutor2u](#)

1) Theories: Fill in the booklet on Sociological theories

2) Research task

1. Make a list of questions to include in a structured interview about childhood experiences. Ask about their experiences when they were children? School experiences, hobbies and activities, holidays, family arrangements, contact with grandparents, cousins, eating arrangements...
2. Interview three people – one teenager, one middle-aged and one pensioner.
3. Write a summary of the answers for each person.
4. Using the information from the interviews, complete a table to show the positive and negative aspects of childhood.
5. Write a conclusion to your research findings. Do the positives about being a child outweigh the negatives or does this depend on the age/family circumstances of the person being interviewed. Has childhood changed over time? Do you think that childhood may be a 'socially constructed idea'?

Make sure you have put your name on each piece of work and hand this to Mrs Isaac for the first lesson in September. Hope you enjoy this first exercise in sociological research and very good wishes for an enjoyable summer.