

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

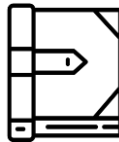
- ❑ Trends relating to subject choice at GCSE and A-Level
- ❑ Consider the factors which affect subject choice according Gender, Ethnicity and Class.

## KEY TERMS FOR THIS TOPIC

- GCSE
- A Levels
- Vocational Education
- Gender Role Socialisation
- Gendered Subject image
- Gender Identities
- Peer Pressure
- Ethnocentric Curriculum
- EAL
- Material Factors
- Cultural Factors
- Labelling
- Globalisation

## RESOURCES

### ISB Education Part 3: P45 - 53



- Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend: p59 - 62
- Browne: p73 - 75
- Hodder: p69 - 70



- [Hectic Teacher's A Level Site](#)
- [The Sociology Teacher](#)
- [Revise Sociology](#)



- [Esher Sociology](#)
- [Stephen Joel](#)
- [Tutor2U](#)

## KEY THINKERS

- Norman
- Murphey & Elwood
- Browne & Ross
- Kelly
- Paechter
- Dewar
- Becker
- Leonard
- Ball

## TEMPLATES:

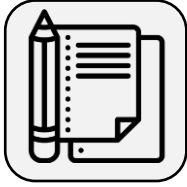
All Templates are in PowerPoint or Word format for you to either print off or write in and save.

### ESQ



- [10 Markers No item](#)
- [10 markers with item](#)
- **Essays –**
  - [Argument Essay](#)
  - [Relative Importance Essay](#)
- [Methods in Context](#)

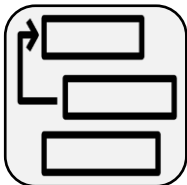
These are to be uploaded to the shared area.



## NOTE TAKING TASK

To ensure that your notes are complete and cover all the necessary content, you need to make sure that you are answering each of the questions below.

The Trends	Gender	Ethnicity	Social Class
Outline the trend in subject choice at each of these levels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Stage 4 (GCSE)</li> <li>• Key Stage 5 (6thForm)</li> <li>• Vocational education</li> </ul>	How can gender role socialisation impact subject choice at GCSE and A-Level?	How might the ethnocentric curriculum impact students choice of subjects at GCSE and A Level?	How might material factors impact a students choice of subject at GCSE and A Level?
	In what way are subject gendered in schools and what impact does this have on subject choice?	How might having English as a Second Language impact a students choice of subject at GCSE and A Level?	How might Cultural factors impact a students choice of subject at GCSE and A Level?
	How can peer groups and pupil identities impact subject choice at GCSE and A Level?	How much impact do these factors have on subject choice at GCSE and A – Level?	How might pupil labelling impact a students choice of subject at GCSE and A Level?
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## PRIORITISATION

Once you have taken your notes, colour code the question according to your level of confidence.

Don't get it

Need some help

Fairly confident

I got this!

**CONSOLIDATION:****OPINION WEB**

- 1) For each of the factors which influence subject choice decide of much impact you think it has by colouring in the web, starting from the center and working out. You can either print the sheet and colour it in and then scan and upload the sheet, or you can use the Draw tools in the PowerPoint.
- 2) The more of the web you colour in the more impactful you think it is.
- 3) Explain why you have decided to put it at that level.

**Item**

In general students in the UK choose their GCSE subjects in either year 8 or year 9 of their secondary school career. At this time the students have to decide from a range of subjects, some they have studied before and others that are completely new to them. The choice of which subjects to take can have a number of factors including the image of the subject as well as peer group pressures. It is also argued that gender role socialisation also has a big impact on the types of subjects students choose to study at Key Stage 4 and 5.

**Applying material from the item and your own knowledge, evaluate evaluate the view that differences in subject choice are mainly the result of the influence of wider society. [30]**