A level Sociology

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Summer work

One of the key aspects of the A level Sociology course is examine the theories that attempt to explain how society is structured. One of the most important theories of society was developed by Emile’ Durkheim and is known as Functionalism.

Your first task for the summer work is to research Durkheim’s ideas and understand the key aspects of Functionalism.

**Task 1**

**Emile Durkheim and Functionalism**

The key aspect of Durkheim’s theory is that everything we see in society serves a particular function and this helps society to work in a balanced way. There are a number of key features of his theory and these are listed below. Your first task is to explain what each of these mean.

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Society is organic

Society is based on consensus

All aspects of society such as the family and education perform a positive function

Task 2

A further aspect of the course involves examining the reasons why over time young people tend to be drawn to youth subcultures. These subcultures tend to reflect the issues that have affected society at the time. The image below shows the skinhead subculture that existed in 1970s and 1980s.

Your task

I would like you to conduct research into the skinhead subculture and one other subculture of your choice. Make a power point presentation to show the following features:

The norms and values held by the subculture

The music associated with the subculture

How society wider society viewed the subculture

The social and economic factors that led to this subculture

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