**A-Level Sociology – Summer Transition Work (Task 2)**

A key part of Sociology is undertaking research. This research broadens our understanding of the world and informs our judgment and opinions. Throughout the course you will reference research in order to expand and develop your exam answers. Those answers, which take a critical approach to research, will demonstrate a higher level of knowledge and understanding.

**Task:** Research the following methods and consider the advantages and disadvantages of each approach. If you have studied GCSE Sociology you should attempt to complete this task from memory.

**Resources:**

* <https://revisesociology.com/2016/01/03/research-methods-sociology/>
* <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology/collections/theory-methods-student-revision-videos>

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| **Research Method** | **Quantitative or Qualitative?** | **Explanation** | **Advantage** | **Disadvantage** |
| Positivism |  |  |  |  |
| Interpretivism |  |  |  |  |
| Experiments |  |  |  |  |
| Structured Interview |  |  |  |  |
| Unstructured Interview |  |  |  |  |
| Participant Observation |  |  |  |  |
| Ethnography |  |  |  |  |
| Case Study |  |  |  |  |
| Longitudinal Study |  |  |  |  |