

Sociology Transition work

Task 1: Read the Article: The inequality debate

Task 2: Comprehension activity

1. What is meant by income inequality, and how has it changed in the UK since 1979?
2. According to the text, why did public attitudes toward income inequality begin to shift after 2008?
3. What are some of the key arguments used to justify high salaries and bonuses for wealth creators?
4. What is the main claim made by Wilkinson and Pickett in *The Spirit Level* about more equal societies?
5. What criticisms were made against *The Spirit Level*, and by whom?
6. How did the Institute for Fiscal Studies respond to the government's budget claims in 2010?

Deeper thinking question

To what extent do you agree that helping the poor by taxing the rich benefits society as a whole? Use examples from the text to support your answer.

A good answer to this question should include.

- **Structured paragraphs** – Use this method:
 - Point** – Make your argument.
 - Evidence** – Give an example or fact.
 - Explain** – Say what it means.
 - Link** – Connect back to the main idea.
- **Evidence**– From real life, the news, or the article. (You can use more research if you want.)
- **Key words** – Explain important sociological words like inequality, Wealth, functionalism, and Social consequences.
- **Evaluation** – Give both sides of the argument:
 - How might taxing the rich be good for society?
 - How might taxing the rich be bad for society?
 - How does society benefit?
 - How does it negatively impact society?
 - Does increasing equality among people benefit society?
- **Length** – Write 1 page by hand on A4 paper. (Please do not type)

Things that might help you that you might be interested in.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGoS7_pAj2I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj2LA8rEqQ4>

Videos that you might find interesting to watch

Educating Manchester

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5gbE4wfnKw&list=PLGkphINtiNFWBW4tEUDiziXXMSv6q2AWW>

Harrow, a very British school.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIVR3QsWsGM&list=PLBK8dcjA8kj5CIn9CCST9c8LBH-niZZ-j&index=1> (Part 1)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMndolKAC7s&list=PLBK8dcjA8kj5CIn9CCST9c8LBH-niZZ-j&index=2> (Part 2)

Life in the UK Documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VdYgwsCD0Y>