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Functionalism

Key term	Definition
Functional prerequisites	
Collective conscience	
Value consensus	
Social solidarity	
Anomie	
Organic analogy	
Positivism	
Socialisation	

Emile Durkheim	Talcott Parsons	Robert K Merton
Key ideas	Key ideas	Key ideas

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Marxism

Key term	Definition
Hegemony	
Class conflict	
Bourgeoisie	
Proletariat	
Alienation	
Exploitation	
False class consciousness	
Ideological state apparatus	
Repressive state apparatus	

Karl Marx	Louis Althusser	Antonio Gramsci
Key ideas	Key ideas	Key ideas

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Feminism

Key term	Definition
Patriarchy	
Separatism	
Gender equality	
Oppression	
intersectionality	
The male gaze	
Gender scripts	
Ideology	

Liberal feminist	Radical feminism	Difference feminism	Marxist feminism
Key ideas	Key ideas	Key ideas	Key ideas

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Watch the episode on Educating Essex: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkg9K3qenc0>

Using your knowledge from the induction lessons on education and your summer research write a short essay, (one A4 page) to explain the role of education.

To write this paragraph you can use the PEEL structure (point, evidence, explanation, link).

Links should be made to:

- Functionalism- e.g. how might education support the collective conscience?
- Marxism – e.g. how might education support capitalism?
- Feminism - e.g. how might education support patriarchy?
- Class differences e.g. the experiences of working-class pupils compared to middle class pupils