



Worksheet 7: Identifying strengths and weaknesses

Read the 'Key Points' about each theory. Practice your evaluation skills (AO3) by writing at least one strength and one weakness of each theory's view on how we learn identity in socialisation.

Theory	Key points identity in socialisations	Evaluation
Functionalism	<p>Primary socialisation in the nuclear family is crucial as it teaches others language and basic skills.</p> <p>The hidden curriculum and social control at school teaches children the social norms and values needed to succeed in society.</p>	<p>Weakness:</p> <p>Strength:</p> <p>Weakness:</p> <p>Strength:</p>



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Marxism	<p>The family socialises working class children into harmful capitalist norms and values such as fatalism, commodity fetishism and immediate gratification.</p> <p>Schools oppress working class children via teacher labelling and the middle-class culture of schools.</p>	<p>Weakness:</p> <p>Strength:</p> <p>Weakness:</p> <p>Strength:</p>
Feminism	<p>Oakley shows how children are socialised into sexist gender stereotypes in the family.</p> <p>Schools have a gendered curriculum and push girls and boys towards gendered occupations.</p>	<p>Weakness:</p> <p>Strength:</p> <p>Weakness:</p> <p>Strength:</p>