

Sociologists watch '7 up' – reality TV for sociologists



To support their sociology work in school, the Sixth Form sociologists have been watching extracts from '7 up the Millenium Generation'. This is based on a ground-breaking documentary series that became a TV institution as it followed the lives of 14 Britons of vastly different backgrounds from the age of seven through nearly six decades. Made at seven-year intervals, each instalment of the award-winning Up series, which started with 'Seven Up!' in 1964, charted the children's journey deep into adulthood and dramatised how their lives were shaped and limited by social background and class.

There is now a new millennium version of this documentary. This is interesting for our sociologists as it reflects the work we have done on family, gender, education, race and social class as the cast are from a range of different backgrounds so it is interesting for us to see how their opportunities differ and how their lives have developed. We would really recommend this documentary. All parts are available on iplayer.

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