

## **Selected Topics in Sociology A – Week #06 Reading Notes**

Lyotard, J. (1999). 'The Postmodern Condition' In Seidman, S. (ed.), *The Postmodern Turn*, Cambridge (UK): Cambridge University Press, pp. 27-38.

- How does Lyotard define the postmodern condition?
- What is a meta-narrative? Can you give an example of one?
- What are language games and how are they relevant to the era of postmodernity?

Anderson, W. T. (1997). *The Future of the Self*. New York: Penguin Putnam, pp. 33-49.

- According to Anderson, what is unique about the postmodern sense of self? How does it differ from a modernist understanding of selfhood?
- What forces make up the world of postmodernity?
- What is positive or negative about how identity is constructed in a postmodern world?

Redman, P. (2006). *Good essay writing: a social sciences guide*. Milton Keynes: Open University Press, pp. 17-24.

- What is the basic structure of a social science essay?
- What are common errors that students tend to make when writing essays?