



Worksheet 8: Applying theoretical ideas

For each of the following theories identify examples of how key theoretical ideas about education can be applied to schools.

An example is provided for each key theoretical idea. Aim to find **at least two more** examples for each idea.

1

Functionalists argue the roles and functions of education are positive for society.

Schools socialise children into the norms and values of society, ensuring social stability and social cohesion.

2

Marxists argue education reproduces class inequalities.

Schools promote the myth of meritocracy.

3

Feminists argue that the roles and functions of education maintain gender inequalities.

Gendered subject choices benefit males and disadvantage girls.