

Chapter 2 Education

Topic 2 Class differences in achievement (2) internal factors

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Activity: Webquest

The habitus of higher education

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify how working-class habitus links to choice of university for working-class-pupils.

1. Watch the clip on the University of Oxford
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxAU88LxLis>
 - a. What activities are shown in the clip?
 - b. Describe the appearance of the campus.
 - c. Using your answers to 1 and 2, give reasons why the habitus of working-class pupils would mean they feel that this university is 'not for the likes of us'.
2. Watch the clip on Goldsmiths, University of London
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcEN9F57szY>
 - a. What activities are shown in the clip?
 - b. How do the images differ from those of the University of Oxford?
 - c. Why might this university be more accessible to working-class pupils?
3. Briefly explain how habitus is linked to choice of higher education.