

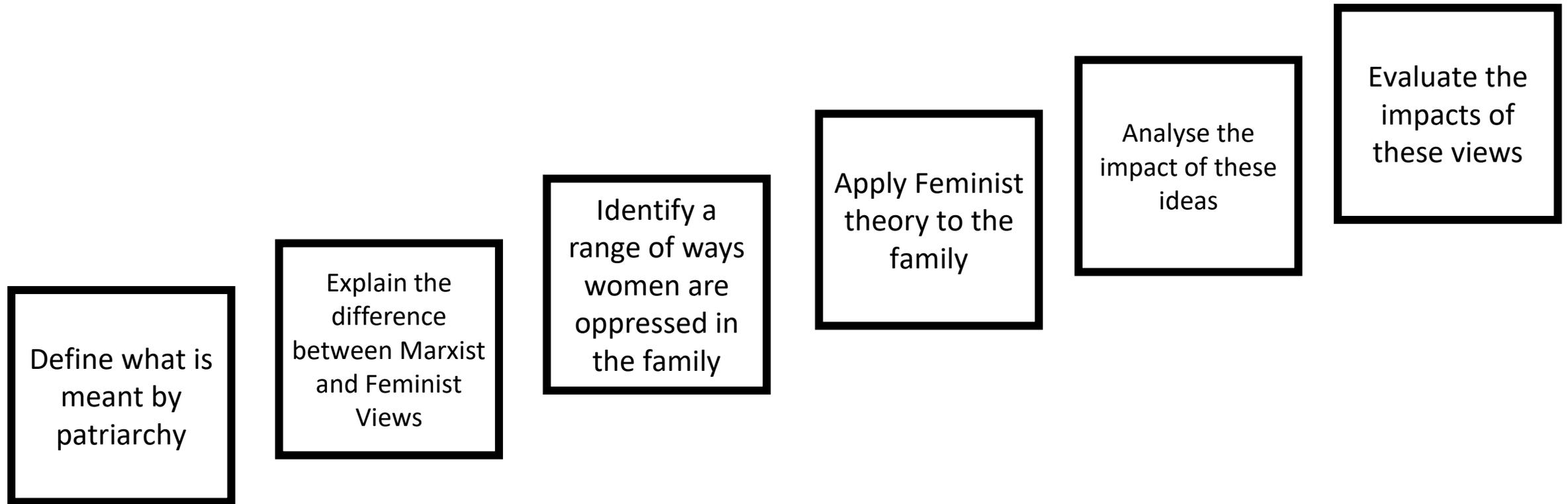
Families and Household

Paper 2 – A level
Sociology

Key Issues

- What is the purpose of the family? What benefits does it provide for society and its members? (Functionalism/Marxism/Feminism/Postmodernism)
- Is the family equal? Are the power relationships between partners equal? Is there a march of progress towards equality?
- Is childhood socially constructed? Does it vary from society to society? Is childhood disappearing?
- What changes have there been to the family structure over the past 50 years? Is there such a thing as a typical family?
- How can governments influence family structures? Why would government prefer the nuclear family over others? Can the government influence gender equality?
- How has globalisation influenced the family? What demographic changes have led to changes in our society? What are the benefits and costs of greater migration and ageing populations?

The Big Question: Evaluate the contribution of Feminists to our understanding of the family



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What is the patriarchy? Give examples of patriarchal control in society



Define what is meant by patriarchy

The Patriarchy is...

Give examples of patriarchal oppression

How does Feminism differ from other conflict theories?

Explain the difference between Marxists and Feminist Views

Marxist View	Concept	Feminist View
	Socialisation	
	Society's inequality	
	Employment	
	Marginalised Groups	
	Power in the home	

How are women exploited in the family?

Identify a range of ways women are oppressed in the family



What do Feminists think about the family?

Apply Feminist theory to the family

Radical Feminists	Liberal Feminists
Marxist Feminists	Intersectional Feminists

Give evidence to support each groups views?

Analyse the impact of these ideas

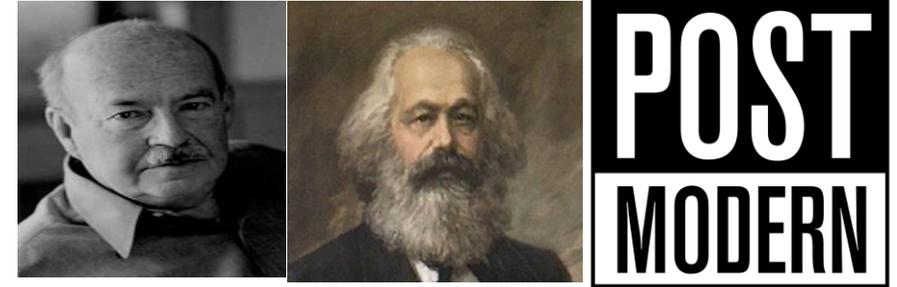
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What might others suggest? What do they not explain?

Evaluate the impacts of these views



Do all Feminists agree?



What might other theories suggest about the family?



Do all women experience the same level of exploitation?