**Activity to support Task 4**

**SOCIOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS OF HEALTH & ILLNESS TRENDS**

As you have already learned, there are clear relationships between health and illness experience and social factors such as social class, ethnicity and gender for example. Why is this? How can these trends be explained? Sociologists have identified a number of different ways of explaining the different patterns and trends in health and illness experience.

You need to define and describe the following explanations:

ARTEFACT EXPLANATIONS

NATURAL AND SOCIAL SELECTION

CULTURAL AND BEHAVIOURAL EXPLANATIONS

MATERIALIST AND STRUCTURAL EXPLANATIONS