

**Class seminar MECS1000**

**Clips for the seminar – We will watch these during the seminar**

Tattler Clip 1: [http://bobnational.net/record/261069/media\\_id/261681](http://bobnational.net/record/261069/media_id/261681) (3.31 mins)

Questions:

1. The character in this video describes himself as middle class. Do you agree with his definition of himself?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Look up the statistics for percentage of UK children who attend fee paying schools.

Tattler Clip 2: [http://bobnational.net/record/261070/media\\_id/261682](http://bobnational.net/record/261070/media_id/261682) (2.35 mins)

Questions:

1. In this clip – Tattler goes to Poundland – what do you think about phrases such as ‘It’s been an education.’? Does this reinforce/challenge differences?

Tattler Clip 3: [http://bobnational.net/record/261073/media\\_id/261684](http://bobnational.net/record/261073/media_id/261684) (2.09 mins)

Question

1. Who decides what good/bad etiquette is?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Why is there intrigue regarding the social upper class scene?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What about the readers of this magazine? Would you suggest there are class differences in relation to different publications, programmes, films, music? Give reasons.

**Class and Identity – compare the following clips from Melvyn Bragg on Class and Culture (these will be shown in class).**

Clip 1: [http://bobnational.net/record/243604/media\\_id/244523](http://bobnational.net/record/243604/media_id/244523) (3.00 mins)

Question:

1. Melvyn Bragg suggests that class divisions have been eliminated and that we are a more equal society. Do you agree/disagree? Give reasons

Clip 2: [http://bobnational.net/record/244103/media\\_id/245032](http://bobnational.net/record/244103/media_id/245032) (3.59 mins)

Questions:

1. Melvyn Bragg suggests that those at the bottom are subject to contempt. Do you agree/disagree? Give reasons
  
2. Owen Jones in the clip suggests that negative representations of working class dominate the media. Do you agree/disagree? Give reasons

Clip 3: [http://bobnational.net/record/244104/media\\_id/245033](http://bobnational.net/record/244104/media_id/245033) (1.29 mins)

Question:

1. Melvyn Bragg finishes on a rather upbeat note. Was he was right to be so optimistic? Give reasons.

(If BoB doesn't work we can watch some of this <https://youtu.be/avggwu6zEG4> ) (59 mins)

**Extract from: Hodkinson, P. (2011) *Media, Culture and Society*. London, Sage, pp.130-131.**

Question:

1. Do news values have a class bias inherent in them and does this matter?
  
2. Look up information about the BBC and class. Does this matter?