

An Invitation to Sociology

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Theoretical Perspectives

Key Terms

perspective
sociology
sociological perspective
social structure
sociological imagination

positivism
social statics
social dynamics
bourgeoisie
capitalist
proletariat
class conflict
mechanical solidarity
organic solidarity
verstehen
rationalization

theoretical perspective
functionalism
manifest functions
latent functions
dysfunction
conflict perspective
power
symbol
symbolic interactionism
dramaturgy

Learning Goals (Short Answer/Essay)

1. What is sociology?
2. How is the sociological perspective different than the psychological perspective?
3. Why do patterns interest sociologists?
4. How can using your sociological imagination, a term introduced by C. Wright Mills. Make a difference in your life?
5. Who is the father of sociology, and why is he recognized as such?
6. What is the difference between social statics and social dynamics?
7. Why is Harriet Martineau considered an important person in the origin of sociology?
8. What is the difference between mechanical and organic solidarity?
9. What were the contributions of early American sociologists Jane Addams and W.E.B. DuBois?
10. Identify the three major theoretical perspectives in sociology today.
11. How did Robert Merton divide functions?
12. What is the best theoretical perspective to use in sociology, and why?