

August 17, 2020
College Park High School - Sociology

Week One / Chapter One – The Sociological Point of View

Instructions for the Week of August 17 to 21

Welcome Everyone!

So today we'll get started on the various tasks you'll be asked to do week by week. We are going to be using 2 internet platforms this semester (and maybe next semester, depending on how the Covid thing goes). The first is my own website (found in red at the top of the syllabus), and the second will be Google Classroom where you will turn in the written assignments and discussion board responses.

I am going to divide the course into 18 lectures for the first semester and 18 lectures for the second. Each lecture will usually have 5 separate tasks to accomplish for that lecture. Each week will cover 1 chapter in the textbook and each chapter will be divided over two weeks.

For this first lecture we will be looking at some basic things about how to approach the study of sociology and what is termed "the sociological point of view."

The first link to click on will be the blue chapter link for each week. There you will find the appropriate instructions for the various tasks assigned to you. Each lecture will begin with instructions like the ones you're reading now. The Zoom classes will include an overview of the PowerPoint presentations but will also be utilized to answer any questions you might have, comments, concerns, or to just talk about what's going on in the world if you want! The tasks assigned to you will be designed in the following way:

Task 1: Click "PowerPoint Notes for The Sociological Point of View." I will be presenting these notes during Zoom meetings, but you can access them on the website at any time. After going through this presentation, I would like everyone to write two questions and make two comments about the presentation. You will upload this information to our Google Classroom page.

Task 2: Click "Text Reading and Text Assignment #1" to find out what to read that week and the accompanying text assignment. This text assignment will be uploaded to the Google Classroom page.

Task 3: Click "Crash Course Sociology." These short, 8 to 12-minute videos are a great way to familiarize yourself with some of the concepts we use in sociology. Watch and enjoy! Nicole Sweeny is a cool nerd!

Task 4: Each lecture will be accompanied by an article which will correspond to that lecture's theme. After reading the article, you will write a one-page, double-spaced response which you will upload onto Google Classroom. The response should be an *analysis* of the article, *not a summary*. In other words, tell me what you *think* about the article, do not tell me what the article is about (I've already read it). Analysis can include agreements or disagreements with the author, bias in the writing, questions or comments about the subject or facts presented, or other thoughts you might want to add.

Task 5: Click "Video Presentation for Lecture One" and watch the documentary on the Youtube link. The videos are approximately one to two hours for each lecture. They can be watched at your convenience but do try to absorb the entire film. After watching the film, you will go to our Google Classroom page and upload to the Discussion Board Response. On this page I would like you to write a short, one-paragraph comment about the film. After that, please respond to two other student's responses. Please keep your responses to other students respectful – we don't need to agree, but let's be polite and mature in how we talk with each other.

So people that is pretty much the way the class will play out this semester. I know this is a tough situation, unprecedented actually. But if we all pull together and help each other out, we'll get through the fall. Hopeful things will go back to normal in the spring, but I think we need to be ready for anything. Again, I'm here to help everyone so don't be shy about asking! I'm pretty weak in the area of tech so I'll be bugging you guys with questions too.

Welcome again to Sociology! Here we go.....!

Peace out,
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