West Virginia Social Studies

Sociology

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1. Explain the origins of sociology, the sociological perspective, research methodologies, and theoretical perspectives in sociology. SS.S.1
2. Analyze and evaluate the development and evolution of culture and socialization within society. SS.S.2
3. Analyze causes and effects of social inequality, theories of deviance and crime, and maintenance of social order. SS.S.3
4. Examine social changes and summarize the impact on society. SS.S.4
5. Trace the origins of sociology and the sociological perspective, and determine how sociology relates to the other social sciences. SS.S.5
6. Identify major research methods in sociology and the ethical practices used to guide research. SS.S.6
7. Compare and evaluate the theoretical perspectives of Structural Functionalism, Symbolic Interaction, and Conflict Theory. SS.S.7
8. Identify the basic components of culture and evaluate the importance of culture in society. SS.S.8
9. Analyze the components of cultural change and diversity (e.g., norms, beliefs, values, dehumanization, cults, multiculturalism, ethnocentrism, cultural relevance, folk culture, counterculture, subculture, and culture shock). SS.S.9
10. Compare and contrast material and non-material culture. SS.S.10
11. Analyze the impact of globalization on the United States and other world cultures and make predictions about future trends. SS.S.11
12. Explain the components of social structure; including status, role, and social institutions. SS.S.12
13. Research theories and stereotypes of poverty, and trace its relationship to geography and opportunity (e.g., access to healthcare/education, unemployment, housing.) SS.S.13

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14 **Identify the various social institutions in society (i.e., family, education, religion, economics, government/politics, medicine, military, law, science, and mass media).** SS.S.14

15 **Investigate the evolution of family structures and their impact on the individual in society.** SS.S.15

16 **Investigate aging and the process of death and dying in historical and contemporary world societies.** SS.S.16

17 **Compare and contrast various types of societies (e.g., developed vs. underdeveloped, urban vs. rural, industrialized vs. unindustrialized).** SS.S.17

18 **Categorize groups within a society by comparing primary and secondary groups, in and out groups, reference groups, and social networks.** SS.S.18

19 **Analyze the components, varieties, and functions of group dynamics; including factors such as group size, leadership, and authority.** SS.S.19

20 **Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of formal organizations and bureaucracies (e.g., unions, universities, public education, service organizations, veterans, churches).** SS.S.20

21 **Identify and evaluate the stages of socialization; including roles and responsibilities, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.** SS.S.21

22 **Evaluate the factors that socialize the individual (i.e., family, marital status, peers, education, gender, ethnicity, media, religion).** SS.S.22

23 **Describe how norms and values aid in the development of social control in society.** SS.S.23

24 **Analyze and evaluate the causes and consequences of deviant behavior on both the individual and society.** SS.S.24

25 **Examine the methods of social control in different types of societies and evaluate how groups and institutions promote social obedience and impose conformity.** SS.S.25

26 **Analyze the functions and inequalities of the criminal justice system in relation to a society's construct of crime and punishment.** SS.S.26

27 **Evaluate the effectiveness of institutions in the rehabilitation and resocialization process.** SS.S.27

28 **Explain how unequal distribution of power and resources affects the life chance of individuals in society.** SS.S.28

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Research the sources and effects of global stratification society (i.e., race, ethnicity, gender, age; and emotional, mental, and physical disabilities). SS.S.29

30 **List the various forms of collective behavior (e.g., crowds, riots, rumors, panics, mass hysteria, moral panics, fads, and urban legends).** SS.S.30

31 **Evaluate the impact of technology on social change.** SS.S.31

32 **Analyze the impact of demographic changes and changes in settlement patterns on a society (e.g., population, migration, mortality).** SS.S.32

Application

33 **Career options.** SS.S.33

1 Identify careers in sociology. SS.S.33.1

2 Identify resources to help select sociology programs for further study. SS.S.33.2

34 **Educational requirements.** SS.S.34

1 Identify careers in sociology. SS.S.34.1

2 Identify resources to help select sociology programs for further study. SS.S.34.2

35 **Vocational applications of sociology.** SS.S.35

1 Discuss ways in which sociology addresses domestic and global issues. SS.S.35.1

2 Identify careers in sociology that have evolved as a result of domestic and global issues. SS.S.35.2