

Chapter
8

LEARNING GOALS OUTLINE

Directions: Based on your reading of the chapter, provide responses to the following.

1. In George Orwell's classic novel *Animal Farm*, what is the significance of the animals' mottos changing from "All animals are equal" to "All animals are equal—but some animals are more equal than others"?

2. Explain the relationship between social stratification and social class.

3. Discuss the three dimensions of stratification.

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4. Briefly explain the functionalist theory of social stratification.

5. Briefly explain the conflict theory of social stratification.

6. Briefly explain the symbolic interactionist theory of social stratification.

7. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the upper class in America.

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8. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the middle class in America.

9. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working class in America.

10. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the working poor in America.

11. Identify the distinguishing characteristics of the underclass in America.

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12. What is the difference between absolute poverty and relative poverty?

13. Discuss the measuring and extent of poverty in the United States.

14. Describe social mobility in the United States.

15. What is the prognosis for social mobility in the United States?
