

CHAPTER 1




Graphic Organizer Activity

The Sociological Point of View

Examining Social Life

Complete the graphic organizer by describing the three broad perspectives of modern sociology. Identify the early theorists whose ideas formed the basis for each perspective.

SOCIETY

	Views of Society	Topics of Study
<p>Functionalist Perspective</p>  <p>Early Sociologists:</p> <hr/>		
<p>Conflict Perspective</p>  <p>Early Sociologists:</p> <hr/>		
<p>Interactionist Perspective</p>  <p>Early Sociologists:</p> <hr/>		

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Contemporary Sociological Theories

Part I. Definitions

1. The **functionalist theory** suggests that groups in interaction tend to influence and adjust to each other in a stable, fairly conflict-free pattern.
2. The **conflict theory** states that groups are inevitably organized to compete against each other.
3. The **symbolic interaction theory** emphasizes the importance of symbolic communications — mainly language and also gestures — in the development of the individual, group, and society.

Part II. Place the initials (FT, CT, SI) of the theory in front of each example that best represents that theory.

1. _____ A staff nurse in a psychiatric ward unlocks a door for a patient. The patient knows the nurse is in control because the nurse holds the key.
2. _____ Struggles and upheavals characterize the governments of Europe through the centuries.
3. _____ Educational systems teach students subject matter. They are also systems for socializing the young and producing conformity.
4. _____ A boss dictates a letter while sitting behind a large desk. The secretary knows the difference in their social positions.
5. _____ Physicians care for the sick and injured. They, in turn, depend on others for food, clothing, entertainment, and so on.
6. _____ Women resist traditional restrictions placed on them.
7. _____ Protest groups attempt reform of the social and political conditions in America.

Part III. Write the initials of the theory that supports the following facets of the race issue in the United States.

1. _____ Ku Klux Klan, black power movement, white supremacists.
2. _____ The social order did not collapse when blacks went to white schools or were elected to public office.
3. _____ Blacks wearing "natural" hair, using African names.
4. _____ Reverse discrimination.