

Arkansas Social Studies

Sociology

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Sociological Perspectives and Methods of Inquiry

- 2. Understand the sociological perspective and the methods and strategies of researching social issues. This includes the cultural interaction between individuals and society and the evolution of social structures and culture; socialization and its impact on individuals and groups; and the effects and factors that lead to social stratification on groups and individuals. SS.2**
 1. Analyze the development of the field of sociology including contributions of various individuals using a variety of sources. **SS.2.SOC.1**
 2. Compare the theoretical perspectives used by sociologists such as functional perspective, conflict perspective, and interaction perspective. **SS.2.SOC.2**
 3. Analyze and apply research methods such as observation, survey, field experimentation, and content analysis used by social scientists to study human society. **SS.2.SOC.3**
 4. Design sociological questions that examine various social phenomena. **SS.2.SOC.4**
 5. Collect and analyze data designed to answer a question that examines the impact of various social phenomena. **SS.2.SOC.5**
 6. Analyze how culture influences individuals using sources from multiple perspectives. **SS.2.SOC.6**
 7. Examine the role social institutions such as socio-economic status, education, belief systems, social patterns, and family play in society. **SS.2.SOC.7**
 8. Analyze key components of culture. **SS.2.SOC.8**
 9. Compare how cultures change and resist change. **SS.2.SOC.9**
 10. Examine the importance of norms and values to culture and the effects on social structure. **SS.2.SOC.10**
 11. Analyze the role socialization agents (e.g., family, school, peer groups, mass media, and social media) play in human development. **SS.2.SOC.11**
 12. Examine the effect of norms and values on societies. **SS.2.SOC.12**
 13. Analyze the social construction of groups and the interactions between groups and individuals in society. **SS.2.SOC.13**
 14. Examine societal changes over time and factors influencing those changes. **SS.2.SOC.14**
 15. Analyze common patterns and effects of social stratification on groups and individuals using a variety of sources. This may include region, age, race, gender, religion, and socioeconomic status. **SS.2.SOC.15**
 17. Examine factors that contribute to and maintain social inequalities. **SS.2.SOC.17**
 18. Propose alternative responses to inequality from a variety of sources from multiple perspectives. **SS.2.SOC.18**