

# Unit 1: The Sociological Perspective, Origins, Theory

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## Transfer

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By using the sociological imagination, we can see how social forces affect our lives.

## Enduring Understandings

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Sociology is the study of the patterned interaction of people in social relationships.

Sociologists view the world through the sociological perspective which focuses on the behavior of groups rather than individuals.

The application of sociological thinking skills and knowledge has relevance and impact on the lives of individuals and the world in which they live.

## Essential Questions

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Is Sociology a science?

Why should we study society?

How does one learn to become a contributing member of society?

How can society be viewed through various theoretical perspectives?

Why is developing sociological imagination important in the study of sociology?

## Standards

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SOC.9-12.3.C

Compare the arguments or main ideas of two sources.

SOC.6.2.12

World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible.

SOC.6.3.12

Active Citizenship in the 21st Century: All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by

working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.