## Sociology: Chapter One

Reading Material:

* PPP notes on Sociological Research Methods
* Text pp. 2-8; 9-19
* Videos
	+ Sociological Imagination
	+ Soc. Video (1 of 6 options)

Activities:

* Group Activity (Locate and Gather Information)
* Class Activity (Create Observation Chart)
* Individual Activity (Chart sporting event)
* Individual Activity (Survey)
* Group Activity (Posters)

Vocabulary:

 1.1

Sociology-

Social Sciences-

Social Interaction-

Social Phenomena-

Sociological Perspective-

Sociological Imagination-

ASA-

Anthropology-

Psychology-

Social Psychology-

Economics-

Political Science-

History-

C. Wright Mills

1.2

Social Darwinism

Function

Verstehen

Ideal type

Theory

Theoretical perspective

Functionalist perspective

Dysfunctional

Manifest function (define and give example)

Latent function (define and give example)

Conflict perspective

Interactionist perspective

Symbol

Symbolic perspective

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Empirical Research

Causation

Correlation

Variable

 Independent

 Dependent

Operational Definition

Hypothesis

Questions:

 Intro to Sociology

1. What are some of the problems facing society today?
2. How might a course like sociology help us deal with some of these problems?
3. According to Allan Johnson, what does sociological practice offer? (Perspective of Sociology)
4. What does Johnson say we must do before we can eliminate unnecessary suffering in the world? (Perspective of Sociology)

Section 1.1

1. What is sociology?
2. What does it mean to have a sociological imagination?
3. How is sociology similar to and different from other social sciences?

Section 1.2

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| Sociologists | Topics of interest | Theoretical Approach |
| Comte |  |  |
| Spencer |  |  |
| Durkheim |  |  |
| Marx |  |  |
| Weber |  |  |

PPP: Sociological Research Methods

1. What are some issues of interest for social research?
2. What is the difference between causation and correlation?
3. Give examples of each.
4. Give examples of variables used in social research.
5. List and describe the basic research methods.