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Sociology

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Schools:

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Grade 10-12

2.5

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Modifications will be made to accommodate IEP mandates for classified students

Statement of Purpose

Sociology is a semester-long elective that presents students with an introduction to the academic discipline. Students develop an understanding of the ways sociologists investigate, describe and analyze social life. In addition, it is intended that the student develops a feeling for the excitement and significance of sociological research.

The course will also hone the essential skills that reside at the heart of the social studies discipline. Referenced throughout the guide are the skills prescribed by the most recent 2020 NJSLS (NJ Student Learning Standards) for Social Studies, as well as the ELA Companion Standards. In each chapter, for example, students will write cohesive and coherent passages, read complex primary sources, and integrate multiple sources of information.

In essence the course involves looking at the world in which we live, asking questions and solving problems. This is done by using the sociological perspective to gain a deeper understanding of social trends, cultural change, social inequality, social institutions, and human social development. By taking sociology, students will gain a new way of looking at the world in which we live and begin to make connections between human behavior and society.

Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of the ways sociologists investigate, describe, and analyze social life

2. Leverage tools of the different social studies disciplines to think deeply and broadly about issues facing contemporary society.

3. Develop the skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening that are the foundation for any creative and purposeful expression in language.

Timeline

First Quarter Units: 1-4

Second Quarter Units: 5-9

Unit I: The Sociological Perspective Topic 1: An Invitation to Sociology

Targeted Standards:

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to understand that sociology studies human social behavior and that sociology is a relatively young science; and that sociology includes three major theoretical perspectives (functionalism, conflict and symbolic).

Essential Questions: How does a sociologist think?

	Core Content Objectives		Instructional A	ctions
Performance Expectations RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information. WHST.11-12.1a Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization	Core Con Concepts What students will know.	tent ObjectivesSkillsWhat students will be able to do.1. Define Sociology2. Describe two uses of sociological perspectives3. Distinguish Sociology from other social sciences4.Outline contributions of the major pioneers of sociology	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections 1. Introduction to Sociology–Create Your Own Society 2. Slideshow presentation– "The Pioneers of Sociology" 3. Kahoot on famous contemporary Sociologists	Assessment Check Points 1. Quizzes 2. Essays 3. Tests combining both multiple -choice and writing components
	Sociological Imagination II. The Origins of Sociology A. European Origins B. Sociology in America	 Summarize the development of sociology in the US. Identify the three major 	 4. Class discussion: How does a Sociologist work differently than a historian? 5. Class reading: viewing the United States as an outsider would. 	4. Class discussions

both claim(s) and counterclaims in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.	 III. Theoretical Perspectives A. The Role of Theoretical Perspectives B. Functionalism C. Conflict Perspective D. Symbolic Interactionism 		
Resources: Sociology and You Chapter 1 pp. 2-23		Instructional Adjustments: difficulties, possible misunder	Modifications, student standings.

Unit I: The Sociological Perspective Topic 2: Sociologists Doing Research

Targeted Standards: Standard 8.1 Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaboratively and to create and communicate knowledge.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to understand that when scientists do qualitative research, they generally use surveys or pre-collected data; that the research process is made up of several distinct steps that may not always be strictly followed; and that researchers have an obligation to protect participants' privacy.

Essential Questions: How do sociologists research a topic? To which procedures and codes must they adhere?

	Core Conte	nt Objectives	Instructional A	ctions
Performance Expectations 8.1.12.F.1: Select and use	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do. 1. Describe the basic	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections 1. Completion of Graphic	Assessment Check Points
specialized databases for advanced research to solve real-world problems. WHST.11-12.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question) or solve a problem; narrow or broaden the inquiry when appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the subject, demonstrating understanding of the subject under investigation. WHST.11-12.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.	 A. Doing Research in the Social Sciences B. Survey Research C. Secondary Analysis D. Field Research II. Procedures and Ethics in Research A. Steps for Doing Research B. Ethics in Social Research 	quantitative and qualitative research method used by sociologists	 Organizer using internet databases—comparing qualitative to quantitative approaches and also the sociological approach to that of other disciplines. Class discussion: Why should a social scientist be bound by ethical guidelines? Where is the potential for abuse? Focus on case studies–Stanley Milgram, Zimbardo Prison Experiment, Jane Elliott–Blue/Brown Eye experiment 	 Quizzes Design a hypothetical research experiment Tests combining both multiple –choice and writing components Class discussions

Resources:	Instructional Adjustments: Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings.
Sociology and You Chapter 2	difficulties, possible misunderstandings.
Chapter 2 pp. 36-58	
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Unit II: Culture, Social Structure and Discrimination Topic 1: Culture

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to see how culture defines how people in a society behave in relation to others and to physical objects; to understand that humans can create and transmit culture. Students will be able to recognize the two essential components of culture (norms and values). Students will be able to differentiate between material and nonmaterial culture. Students will be able to identify ideal culture and real culture; and finally, understand that cultures may change through three specific processes.

Essential Questions: What defines a culture? What norms and values are central to our culture?

Performance Expectations	Core Content Objectives		Instructional Actions	
	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
6.1.12.HistoryCA.2. a: Research multiple perspectives to explain the struggle	I. The Basis of Culture A. Culture and Society	 Explain how culture and heredity affect social behavior Describe how language 	 Class viewing of a videoThe Amish; Children of God PowerPoint 	 Quizzes Essays Tests
to create an American identity. 6.1.12.CivicsDP.7.a: Evaluate the impact of	B. Culture & HeredityC. Sociobiology	and culture are related3. Name the essential components of culture	Presentations-what norms and values guide our school culture. 3. Reading of World War I	combining both multiple –choice and writing components
government policies designed to promote patriotism and to protect national security during	II. Language and Culture A. Symbols,	 Discuss how cultural diversity is promoted within a society 	propaganda—how does that change how we live?	4. Class discussions
times of war on individual rights (i.e., the Espionage Act and the Sedition	Language and Culture	5. Understand the role of ethnocentrism in society	4. Examine Teenage Culture5. Make your own American	5. Design a Norm Breaking experiment or a
Amendment). WHST.11-12.1a Introduce	B. The Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis	 Identify similarities in cultures around the world 	Value System. Analyze & Evaluate American values. How have American values	survey about a common American

precise, knowledgeable	III. Norms and Values	changed?	Cultural norm
claim(s), establish the			
significance of the	A. Norms: The	6. Laws-illegal versus legal.	
claim(s), distinguish the	Rules We Live	Evaluate who decides	
claim(s) from alternate or	By.	what is right and wrong in	
opposing claims, and	Dy.	society.	
create an organization that	B. Folkways, Mores,	-	
logically sequences the	and Laws	7. Reading and discussion	
claim(s), counterclaims,		about the Nacirema with an	
reasons, and evidence.	C. Enforcing the	Ethnocentrism.	
	Rules		
WHST.11-12.1b Develop	Rules	8. The American Diet-You	
claim(s) and counterclaims	D. Values: The	are what you eat	
fairly and thoroughly,			
supplying the most relevant	Basis for Norms	9. Culturalism Imperialism	
data and evidence for each		reading	
while pointing out the	E. Basic Values in		
strengths and limitations of	the U.S.		
both claim(s) and			
counterclaims in a	N/ Deliefe and Material		
discipline-appropriate form	IV. Beliefs and Material		
that anticipates the	Culture		
audience's knowledge level,			
concerns, values, and	A. Beliefs and		
possible biases.	Physical objects		
RH.11-12.7 Integrate and	B. Ideal and Real		
evaluate multiple sources of	Culture		
information presented in			
diverse formats and media			
(e.g., visually, quantitatively,	V. Cultural Change and		
as well as in words) in order	Similarity		
to address a question or			
solve a problem.	A. Cultural Change		
DH 11 12 9 Evoluate on			
RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an	B. Cultural Diversity		
author's premises, claims, and evidence by			
corroborating or challenging	C. Ethnocentrism		
them with other information.			
	D. Cultural		
RH 11 12 0 Integrate	Universals		
RH.11-12.9 Integrate information from diverse			
sources, both primary and			

secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.			
Resources: Sociology and You Chapter 3		Instructional Adjustments: I difficulties, possible misunders	Modifications, student tandings.

Unit II: Culture and Social Structure Topic 2: Inequality, Minorities, and Discrimination

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to explain the specific definitions particular to minorities, race, and ethnicity. Students will be able to understand that the patterns of racial and ethnic relations take two forms (assimilation and conflict). Students will be able to recognize that prejudice involves attitudes, while discrimination is about behavior; and to understand that discrimination in the U.S. has caused some ethnic and racial groups to lag behind the white majority in numerous areas.

Essential Questions: What makes a particular group feel like outsiders? What factors reside at the heart of racial and ethnic relations? What makes someone prejudice? Can prejudice be overcome?

	Core Cont	ent Objectives	Instructional A	Actions
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
 6.1.12.CivicsPI.14.d: Use primary sources representing multiple perspectives and data to determine the effectiveness of the federal government in addressing health care, income equality, and immigration. 6.1.12.CivicsDP.5.a: Analyze the effectiveness of governmental policies and of actions by groups and individuals to address discrimination against new immigrants, Native Americans, and African Americans. 	 I. Minority, Race and Ethnicity A. Minorities B. Defining Race C. Ethnicity II. Racial and Ethnic Relations A. Patterns of assimilation B. Patterns of Conflict 	 Describe what sociologists mean by the terms minority, race, and ethnicity Discuss patterns of racial and ethnic relations Discuss the difference between prejudice and discrimination Explain how functionalists, conflict theorists, and symbolic interactionists view racial inequalities 	 Power Point Presentation on the History of Discrimination-How have different groups been treated in American history? Class discussionWhat makes a particular group feel like outsiders? Star Power Simulation -Socio-economic inequality Social stratification, social mobility, social consciousness. What does poverty look like in the US and around 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple –choice and writing components Class discussions Oral History -Interview your parents, grandparents, or great -grandparents.
6.1.12.GeoPP.14.a: Use data			the world?	

and other evidence to	III. Theories of Prejudice	5. Compare the condition of		6. Inequality Word
determine the impact of	and Discrimination		5. Responding to poverty.	Art Generator
recent immigration and		American minorities with		Art Generator
migration patterns in New	A. Prejudice, Race,	that of the white majority	6. Defining "race"	
Jersey and the United States	and			
on demographic, social,	Discrimination		7. Racial inequality-"Don't	
economic, and political	Discrimination		Label Me".	
-	B.Hate Crimes			
issues.	D.Hate Chines		0 Affirmative Action	
	C. Stereotype		8. Affirmative Action,	
6.1.12.HistoryCA.14.b: Create			reparations, and other	
an evidence-based argument	D. The Functionalist		contemporary issues.	
that assesses the				
effectiveness of actions taken	Perspective		9. Race and Crime-Mass	
to address the causes of			incarceration and the	
continuing racial tensions and	E. The Conflict		criminal justice system	
violence.	Perspective			
			10. Ethnic Identity,	
6.1.12.HistoryCA.14.c:	F. The Symbolic		Assimilation, and	
Determine the influence of	Interactionist		immigration reform	
multicultural beliefs, products	Perspective			
(i.e., art, food, music, and	·		11.Gender Discrimination	
literature), and practices in	IV. Minority Groups in		and the MeToo Movement	
shaping contemporary	the US		(Masculinity and Feminity)	
American culture.				
	A. Institutionalized		12. Gender Identity	
6.1.12.HistorySE.14.a:	Discrimination			
Explore the various ways			13. Ageism-"Tuesdays with	
women, racial and ethnic	B. African		Morrie" Interview your	
minorities, the LGBTQ	Americans		parents or grandparents	
community, and individuals				
with disabilities have	C. Latinos			
contributed to the American				
economy, politics and society.	D. Native			
booliony, politico ana booloty.	Americans			
6.1.12.HistorySE.2.a:				
Construct responses to	E. Asian Americans			
arguments in support of new				
rights and roles for women	F. White Ethnics			
and for arguments explaining				
the reasons against them.				
ane reasons ayamst mem.				
6.1.12.HistorySE.14.b:				
Use a variety of sources				
from diverse perspective				
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To analyze the social, economic and political contributions of marginalized and underrepresented groups and/or individuals.		
6.1.12.CivicsPI.14.c: Analyze how the Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution to define and expand individual rights and use evidence to document the long-term impact of these decisions on the protection of civil and human rights.		
6.1.12.CivicsDP.13.a: Analyze the effectiveness of national legislation, policies, and Supreme Court decisions in promoting civil liberties and equal opportunities (i.e., the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, the Equal Rights Amendment, Title VII, Title IX, Affirmative Action, Brown v. Board of Education, and Roe v. Wade).		
6.1.12.CivicsPD.1.a: Use multiple sources to analyze the factors that led to an increase in the political rights and participation in government.		
6.1.12.HistoryUP.2.c: Explain why American ideals put forth in the Constitution have been denied to different groups of people throughout time (i.e., due process, rule of law and individual rights).		

6.1.12.HistorySE.14.a: Explore the various ways women, racial and ethnic minorities, the LGBTQ community, and individuals with disabilities have contributed to the American economy, politics and society. RH.11-12.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines <i>faction</i> in <i>Federalist</i> No. 10).			
Resources: Sociology and You Chapter 9		Instructional Adjustments: difficulties, possible misunders	
pp. 274-301			

Unit III: Socialization and Deviance Topic 1: Socialization

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to understand that socialization is the cultural process of learning to participate in group life; recognize that all three theoretical perspectives agree that socialization is needed if cultural and societal values are to be learned; and to recognize that during childhood and adolescence, the major agents of socialization are family, school, peer group, and mass media.

Essential Questions: What moves an individual to think and act as they do?

	Core Cont	ent Objectives	Instructional A	Actions
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
6.1.12.HistoryUP.16.a: Analyze the impact of American culture on other world cultures and determine	I. The Importance of Socialization A. Socialization and	 Define the term socialization Discuss the role 	1. Role Play activity—what is acceptable dress in our high school? What is not?	 Quizzes Essays
the impact of social media on the dissemination of American culture.	Personality B. Case Studies on	socialization plays in human development	What explains the difference?	 Tests combining both multiple –choice and
6.1.12.EconNE.16.a: Make evidenced-base inferences regarding the impact of technology on the global	Isolated Children II. Socialization and the	3. Explain the key concepts of socialization from the symbolic interactionist perspective	 Class survey—your family's values vs. your own. What are the similarities? What are the differences? 	writing components 4. Class
workforce and on entrepreneurship. 6.1.12.EconNE.16.b: Evaluate	Self A. The Functionalist and Conflict perspective on	4. Analyze the role of family, school, peer group, and media in socializing young	 Class discussion: how does advertising alter the way we think? 	discussions 5. Personality Development-Cr eate a timeline
the economic, political, and social impact of new and emerging technologies on	Socialization	5. Discuss processes for socialization in adulthood		of your life that includes major events and world

individuals and nations.	B. Symbolic	4. Learning to be events. How are
	Interactionisman	human-learned versus you a product of
6.1.12.HistoryCC.16.b:	and Socialization	innate behavior your
Determine past and present		experiences?
factors that led to the	III. Agents of	5. Explore the effects of
widening of the gap between	Socialization	isolation on socialization by 6. Simulation
the rich and poor, and		looking at the case study of exploring the
evaluate how this has affected	A. The Family and	"Genie" idea of
individuals and society.	Socialization	self-concept,
		6. Media, gender and and the looking
6.1.12.GeoGI.1.a: Explain	B. Socialization in	socialization. Are we being glass self.
how geographic variations	Schools	socialized with gondor
impacted economic		
development in the New	C. Peer Group	stereotypes? nurture discussion.
World, and its role in	Socialization	7. Internet discussions with
promoting trade with global		
markets (e.g., climate, soil	D. The Mass Media	students from other
conditions, other natural	and Socialization	countries-How is life
resources).		different there?
 RH.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem. RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information. 		
Resources:	·	Instructional Adjustments: Modifications, student
Sociology and You		difficulties, possible misunderstandings.
Chapter 4		
pp. 108-128		

Unit III: Socialization and Deviance Topic 2: Conformity and Deviance

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to understand that deviance is the violation of social norms. Students will be able to recognize that deviance can have both negative and positive consequences for society; to understand that symbolic interaction perspective yields two theories of deviance; and to understand that conflict perspective looks at deviance in terms of social inequality and power.

Essential Questions: What moves an individual to think and act as they do?

	Core Con	Core Content Objectives		Actions
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
6.1.12.CivicsPR.10.a: Analyze how the Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution to define and expand individual rights and use evidence to document the long-term impact of these decisions on the protection of civil and human rights. WHST.11-12.1 Write arguments focused on <i>discipline-specific content</i> . WHST.11-12.1a Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims,	 I. Deviance and Social Control A. The Nature of Deviance B. Social Control II. Functionalism and Deviance A. Costs and benefits of deviance B. Strain Theory C. Control Theory 	 Define what is meant by deviance Define social control and identify the major types of social control Discuss the positive and negative consequences of deviance Differentiate the major functional theories of deviance Discuss the conflict theory view of deviance 	 Class reading—what constitutes deviance? Class discussion: does the view of deviance change over time? Discipline and school culture–Design a new student code of conduct. 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple –choice and writing components Class discussions

and create an organization	III. Symbolic	6. Describe four approaches	
that logically sequences the	Interactionism and	to crime control	
claim(s), counterclaims,	Deviance		
reasons, and evidence.			
	A. Differential		
WHST.11-12.1b Develop claim(s) and counterclaims	Association theory		
fairly and thoroughly,	D. Joholing Theory		
supplying the most relevant	B. Labeling Theory		
data and evidence for each	IV. Conflict Theory and		
while pointing out the	Deviance		
strengths and limitations of			
both claim(s) and counterclaims in a	A. Deviance in an		
discipline-appropriate form	Industrial Society		
that anticipates the	D. Dees Ethnisity		
audience's knowledge level,	B. Race, Ethnicity		
concerns, values, and	and Crime		
possible biases.	C. White Collar		
WHST.11-12.6 Use	Crime		
technology, including the			
Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or	V. Crime and		
shared writing products in	Punishment		
response to ongoing	A. Measurement of		
feedback, including new	Crime		
arguments or information.	Cililie		
	B. Juvenile Crime		
WHST.11-12.7 Conduct short as well as more sustained			
research projects to answer	C. Approaches to		
a question (including a	Crime Control		
self-generated question) or			
solve a problem; narrow or			
broaden the inquiry when			
appropriate; synthesize multiple sources on the			
subject, demonstrating			
understanding of the subject			
under investigation.			
WHST.11-12.8 Gather			
relevant information from			

multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation.			
Resources: Sociology and You Chapter 7	L	Instructional Adjustments: difficulties, possible misunder	Modifications, student standings.
pp. 202-232			

Unit IV: The Family—Start of Social Institutions

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to appreciate that in all societies the family has been the most important social institution. Students will be able to recognize that the family is the very core of human social life and that although love is the prevailing reason people decide to get married that there still remain other different and equally valid reasons; and, lastly, to have an awareness of the many patterns of marriage and family living have emerged in the United States.

Essential Questions: How does the introduction of the foundational role of the family impact the nature versus nurture debate? In what ways do similar family environments produce similar people? What are some of the societal reasons, other than the feeling of love, that cause people to get married? How does marriage differ across cultural barriers? What inferences can be garnered from the current census data regarding the institution of marriage in the United States—ie: age, ethnicity, trends, etc.--state of marriage. Do these findings uphold or challenge popular conceptions of marriage you have?

	Core Content Objectives		Instructional Actions		
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points	
 6.1.12.HistorySE.13.a: Use a variety of sources to explain the relationship between the changing role of women in the labor force and changes in family structure. 6.1.12.HistoryUP.13.a: Determine the extent to which suburban living and television supported conformity and stereotyping, while new music, art, and literature acted as catalysts for the counterculture movement. 	 Family and Marriage Across Cultures Defining the Family Patterns of Family Structure Marriage and choosing a mate Theoretical Perspectives and the Family Functionalism Conflict Theory 	 Describe types of family structure and norms for marriage arrangement. Compare and contrast views of the family proposed by three major perspectives. Outline the extent and cause of divorce in America. Give an overview of family violence in the United States 	 Students will compare present and past definitions of marriage using the sociological perspective. Construct visual representations of the three major sociological perspectives, ie: Venn Diagrams; comparison charts Compare present and past reasons people provide for getting divorced in America 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple –choice and writing components Class discussions 	

 6.1.12.HistoryCC.16.a: Assess from various perspectives the effectiveness with which the United States government addresses economic issues that affect individuals, business, and/or other countries. WHST.11-12.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. WHST.11-12.6 Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information. 	C. Symbolic Interactionism III. Family and Marriage in the United States A. Divorce B. Violence IV. Changes in Marriage and Family A. Blended B. Single-Parent C. Same-Sex Families	5.	Discuss the future of the family in the United States	 4. Raising children–Strict or lenient? 5. Exploration of how children are raised in different cultures 6. Relate current trends in domestic violence to the characteristics of places and regions using global and domestic maps 7. Defend an oral and/or written position on the debate over the same-sex marriage decision by the Supreme Court in 2015 (Obergefell v Hodges). Understand both the 14th amendment equal protection clause based majority opinion (and similarities to interracial marriage decision in Loving v. Virginia) as well as the dissenting opinions and the underlying historical/traditional arguments therein.
Resources: Sociology and You Chapter 11 pp. 344-371				Instructional Adjustments: Modifications, student difficulties, possible misunderstandings.

Unit V: Education—Social Institutions

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to understand that schools are becoming increasingly bureaucratic; students should also appreciate the nature of education as a response to the needs of society, that the aim of creating a true meritocracy is much harder in practice as inequalities in educational are not easily dismissible and lastly, and the highly influential socialization that occurs as a result of the setting of educational institutions.

Essential Questions: How does the bureaucratic nature of schools shape us in both known and unknown ways? What are some of the benefits and drawbacks a centralized educational system has on the development of the individual? How has the goal and nature of the public education system in the United States changed over time in response to cultural and ideological shifts, as well as advancements in technology? How do the three major sociological perspectives view the role of education in societies? According to sociological evidence, what types of generalizations and trends can be garnered about the manifold relationship between education and its interaction with other social factors? (ie: relationship of test scores to income, etc...)

	Core Con	tent Objectives	Instructional Actions		
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points	
 6.1.12.EconNE.3.a: Evaluate the impact of education in improving economic opportunities and in the development of responsible citizens. 6.1.12.CivicsPD.16.a: Construct a claim to describe how media and technology has impacted civic participation and deliberation. 6.1.12.EconEM.14.a:Relate the changing manufacturing, 	 Development and Structure of Education A. Bureaucracy in education B. Open classroom, cooperative learning and Integrative Curriculum Alternatives to Public School A. Charter and private 	 Discuss schools as bureaucracies. Outline the basic function of education. Evaluate the merit-based nature of public education. Describe the ways in which schools socialize students. Describe educational inequality. 	 Analyze how the bureaucracy of schools deal with the shifting values of students by examining the school code of conduct and the changes over the years and how the rules have been modified to promote the basic function of education. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information by examining the history of public education. 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple -choice and writing components Class discussions Design a school of the future 	

service, science, and	schools	3. Produce clear and
technology industries and		coherent writing by writing
educational opportunities to	III. Functionalist	a descriptive essay on how
the economy and social	Perspective	schools act as agents of
dynamics in New Jersey.		socialization.
	A. Manifest	
6.3.12.HistoryCA.1: Analyze	functions of	4. Take a position on a
the impact of current	education	current public policy debate
governmental practices and		
laws affecting national	B. Latent functions	over charter versus private
security and/or First	of educations	schools with sociological
Amendment rights and	N/ Conflict Derenactive	and historical evidence.
privacy (e.g., immigration,	IV. Conflict Perspective	
refugees, seizure of personal property, juvenile	A Maritagragy	5. Analyze the benefits and
detention, listening devices,	A. Meritocracy	drawbacks of current
deportation, religion in	B. Issues of	educational reforms.
schools).	inequality	
3610013).		6. Explore the difference
CCSS FLA iteracy/MUST 11	C. Cognitive ability	between an effective and
CCSS.ELA-iteracyWHST.11- 12.1a Introduce precise,		ineffective teacher.
	D. Promoting	
		7. Discussion of the
		purpose and function of
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	V. Symbolic	
	Interactionism	8. Research problems and
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	A. The Hidden	
	Curriculum	
		9 Research how other
RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an		
	socialization	-
		Finland".
them with other information.		10 Dalastas Da all'atoriante
RH.11-12.9 Integrate		need to go to college?
understanding of an idea or		
RH.11-12.9 Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent	educational equality V. Symbolic Interactionism A. The Hidden	 7. Discussion of the purpose and function of school. 8. Research problems and find solutions to current educational issues. 9. Research how other countries educate students. Case study of "Teach Like Finland". 10. Debate: Do all students need to go to college?

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	Instructional Adjustments: difficulties, possible misunder	Modifications, student standings.
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Unit VI: Political and Economic Institutions—Social Institutions

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will appreciate and understand that authority is the sanctioned use of power, the two major models of political power are elitism and pluralism, capitalist economies are based on private property and the pursuit of profit and that in theory government should play a minor role in regulating the economy, that the modern corporation has become an extremely powerful and influential organization; lastly, to realize that workers of today and in the future are, and will be facing, a changing labor environment.

Essential Questions: Why do humans come together to form governments? Are humans innately political or do environmental influences push humans to form societies with centralized governments? What are some of the different ways the concept of democracy is interpreted across the globe? Where does America's definition of democracy fall within this list? To what extent does the type of government people live under have on the individual choices available to them? According to the evidence, how does the global economy impact the American worker?

	Core Con	tent Objectives	Instructional Actions		
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points	
 6.1.12.CivicsPI.14.b: Use case studies and evidence to evaluate the effectiveness of the checks and balances system in preventing one branch of national government from usurping too much power during contemporary times. 6.1.12.CivicsPI.14.c: Analyze how the Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution to define and expand individual rights and use evidence to document the long-term impact of these 	 I. Power and Authority A. Definitions of power and authority B. Forms of authority C. Types of political Systems D. Democracy E. Totalitarianism F. Authoritarian II. Political Power in American Society 	 Distinguish among power, coercion, and authority. Identify three forms of authority. Discuss differences among democracy, totalitarianism and authoritarianism, as well as their relationship to capitalism and socialism. Explain how voting is an exercise of power. Discuss the consequences of corporate downsizing 	 Produce clear and coherent writing by defining in a well-written essay the differences between relationship–power, coercion and authority. Construct geographic representations depicting the three forms of authority. Analyze the differences between various structures of government by researching and presenting their findings in a group project. 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple –choice and writing components Class discussions 	

decisions on the protection of	A. Influence of the	4. Relate current events to	
civil and human rights.	Vote	the physical and human	
		characteristics of places	
6.1.12.CivicsCM.14.b: Use	B. Two Models of	and regions by using a map	
a variety of evidence,	Political Power	to analyze the spread of	
including quantitative data,			
to evaluate the impact	C. Functionalist	democracy across the	
community groups and	Perspective:	globe.	
state policies have had on	Pluralism		
increasing the youth vote.		5. Distinguish valid	
	D. Conflict Perspective:	arguments from false	
RH.11-12.4 Determine the	The Power Elite	arguments that proponents	
meaning of words and		and critics of downsizing	
phrases as they are used in	III. Economic Systems	employ; use sociological	
a text, including analyzing	A. Capitalism	data to verify assertions	
how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key	A. Capitalishi	and claims.	
term over the course of a	B. Role of the		
text (e.g., how Madison	Government in		
defines <i>faction</i> in <i>Federalist</i>	Capitalism		
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	C. Socialism		
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-12.1 Write arguments	D. Mixed Economic		
focused on	Systems		
discipline-specific content.			
	IV. The Modern		
	Corporation		
	A The Network		
	A. The Nature of Corporations		
	Corporations		
	B. Corporate influence		
	C. Multinational		
	Corporations		
	D. Rights of workers		
	V. Work in the Modern		
	Economy		
	A The Changing		
	A. The Changing Nature of Work		

	 B. Occupational Structure C. Downsizing and Contingent Employment 		
Resources: <i>Sociology and You</i> Chapter 13 pp. 422-450		Instructional Adjustments: difficulties, possible misunder	Modifications, student standings.

Unit VII: Religion—Social Institutions

Targeted Standards: Standard 8.1 Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaboratively and to create and communicate knowledge.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will understand the study of religion as the study of sacred things, as well as its diverse functionality, meaning and potent agent of social change. Students will also be able to appreciate the various organizational structures of different belief systems and the drive of others to secularization.

Essential Questions: How does religion allow greater understanding of who we are? Are we naturally religious or do other members of society convince many that they need the proper environment? How does religion manifest itself as human behavior within one's own society, between different cultures and across different periods of time? How does the sociological evidence regarding religion allow one to challenge their personal beliefs?

	Core Content Objectives		Instructional Actions	
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
 6.1.12.HistoryCC.14.e: Evaluate the role of religion on cultural and social mores, public opinion, and political decisions. 6.1.12.HistoryCC.3.a: Evaluate the role of religion, music, literature, and media in shaping contemporary American culture over different time periods. WHST.11-12.6 Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information. 	 Religion and Sociology Religion and Sociology The Sociological Meaning of Religion The Sociological Study of religion Theoretical Perspectives Functionalism and Religion Conflict Theory Symbolic Interactionism Religious Organization and Religiosity 	 Explain the sociological meaning of religion Describe the different views of religion as seen by the major theoretical perspectives. Distinguish the basic types of religious organizations. Discuss the meaning and nature of religiosity. Define secularization and describe its relationship to religiosity in the United States. Discuss religious fundamentalism in the United States from the 	 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information from diverse cultures and produce a visual representation of the sociological meaning of religion. Produce clear and coherent writing by explaining how the three major theoretical perspectives view religion. Discussion on the separation of church and state in schools. 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple choice and writing components Class discussions

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RH.11-12.7 Integrate and	A. Religious	sociological perspective.	4. Analysis of religion and	
evaluate multiple sources of	Organization		public policy with	
information presented in			contemporary issues.	
diverse formats and media	B. Religiosity			
(e.g., visually, quantitatively,				
as well as in words) in order	IV. Religion in the United			
to address a question or	States			
solve a problem.				
	A. Secularization			
RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an				
author's premises, claims,	B. Fundamentalism			
and evidence by				
corroborating or challenging				
them with other information.				
RH.11-12.9 Integrate				
information from diverse				
sources, both primary and				
secondary, into a coherent				
understanding of an idea or				
event, noting discrepancies				
among sources.				
Resources:	·		Instructional Adjustments:	Modifications, student
Sociology and You			difficulties, possible misunder	
Chapter 14				5
pp. 462-481				

Unit VIII: Sport—Social Institutions

Targeted Standards: Standard 6.3 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.

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to appreciate and understand the nature of sport as a social institution that fulfills some important need; as well as how the three major sociological perspectives—functionalists view sport positively as a means of socialization, conflict theorists believe sports can harm character development, and symbolic interactionists see sports as developing identity and relationships. Additionally, students will be able to grasp the connection between sports and social mobility.

Essential Questions: How does playing sports allow us to understand how we become who we are? Are the games we play to be found naturally within us or does society create games that can be sometimes antithetical to our nature? How do sports manifest themselves as human behavior within different societies and different time periods? How are sports understood by the three major theoretical perspectives? How, and why, do the larger problems of society exist within sports? Do the larger social ramifications of sports challenge your own beliefs about sports related issues?

	Core Content Objectives		Instructional Actions	
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
6.3.12.CivicsPD.1: Develop plan for public accountability and transparency in government related to a particular issue(s) and share the plan with appropriate government officials. RH.11-12.3 Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.	 I. The Nature of Sport A. A definition of sport B. Sport as a social institution C. Sport, culture and Society D. Sport subcultures II. Theoretical Perspectives and Sport A. Culture and sport B. Functionalism 	 Justify sport as an American institution. Compare and contrast sport in America from a functionalist, conflict, and symbolic interactionist perspective. Understand the relationship between American sport and social mobility. Cite evidence of sexism and racism in American sport. 	 Analyze a complex primary source by reading excerpts from Field of Schemes. Construct visual representations delineating the parameters of the major theoretical perspectives. Debate current controversies in sports. Analysis of the purpose of sports-To win or to have fun? Analyze how change occurs through success in sports by using student 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple -choice and writing components Class discussions

RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information.	C. Conflict theory D. Symbolic Interactionism III. Social Issues in Sport	research and report on examples of sports figures which have successfully navigated from sports to the larger society.	
RH.11-12.9 Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.	 A. Sport and social mobility B. Sport and racism C. Sexism in sport 	 6. Distinguish valid arguments from false arguments regarding the relationship between access to sports and other societal factors (ie: Golf and the color barrier; African American success in basketball but access denied to other sports) 7. Upfront magazine DEBATE: Do all kids deserve a trophy? 	
Resources: Sociology and You Chapter 15 pp. 494-512		Instructional Adjustments: difficulties, possible misunders	

Unit IX: Social Change and Collective Behavior

Targeted Standards:

Unit Objectives/Conceptual Understandings: Students will be able to appreciate and understand that social change refers to new behavior with important short and long term impacts, that functionalism views societies as relatively stable, conflict perspective believes that society is in constant change, that symbolic interactionists view the loss of shared values as a source of social instability, how collective behavior describes how people coalesce around a common short-term goal, and social movements tend to be more permanent and organized versus other types of collectives.

Essential Questions: Is the urge to begin and participate in movements relating to collective social change and innate drive or more determined by the environment we inhabit? How is social change understood temporally and under the functionalist and conflict perspectives? What does sociological evidence say about the interaction between social change and manifestations in the larger culture? How does this sociological evidence challenge popularly held beliefs about social change and collective behavior?

	Core Content Objectives		Instructional Actions	
Performance Expectations	Concepts What students will know.	Skills What students will be able to do.	Activities/Strategies Technology Implementation/ Interdisciplinary Connections	Assessment Check Points
 6.1.12.GeoHE16.a: Explain why natural resources (i.e., fossil fuels, food, and water) continue to be a source of conflict and analyze how the United States and other nations have addressed issues concerning the distribution and sustainability of natural resources and climate change. 6.1.12.CivicsPR.16.a: Analyze government efforts to address intellectual property rights, personal privacy, and other ethical issues in science, medicine, 	 I. Social Change A. Defining Social Change B. Social processes C. Technology D. Population E. The Natural Environment F. Revolution and War II. Theoretical Perspectives on Social Change 	 Illustrate the three social processes that contribute to social change. Discuss how technology, population, natural environment, revolution, and war cause cultures to change. Describe social change as viewed by the functionalist and conflict perspectives. Discuss rumors, fads, and fashions Compare and contrast theories of crowd behavior. 	 Compare present and past events and the reasons behind two seemingly different but ultimately similar regarding the origination of collective social trends. Relate technology and its pervasiveness to current events and to the physical and human characteristics of places and regions across the United States and the world. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information regarding the 	 Quizzes Essays Tests combining both multiple –choice and writing components Class discussions

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and business that arise from the global use of new	A. The Functionalist	6. Compare and contrast	function and conflict resulting from mass social	
technologies.	Perspective	theories of social movements	movements.	
WHST.11-12.6 Use	B. The Conflict Perspective		4 . Construct various forms of representations of the	
technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish,			cultural spatial and	
and update individual or shared writing products in	C. Symbolic Interactionism		temporal movement to demonstrate patterns of	
response to ongoing feedback, including new	III. Collective Behavior		physical and human phenomenon	
arguments or information. CCSS.ELA-iteracyWHST.11-	A. Defining collective Behavior		5 . Distinguish valid arguments from false	
12.8 Gather relevant information from multiple	B. Rumors, legends,		arguments regarding social movements.	
authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced	fads and fashions.		6. Upfront magazine	
searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations	C. Mass hysteria and Panic		DEBATES: - Are Smartphones	
of each source in terms of the specific task, purpose,	D. Crowds		Making Us Stupid? - Should Parents Monitor Their	
and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the	IV. Social Movements		Children's Social Media Use?	
flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance	A. The nature of social Movements			
on any one source and following a standard format	B. Primary Types of			
for citation.	social movements			
RH.11-12.7 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of	C. Theories of social movements			
information presented in diverse formats and media				
(e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order				
to address a question or solve a problem.				
RH.11-12.8 Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by				
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corroborating or challenging them with other information. RH.11-12.9 Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.			
Resources: Sociology and You Chapter 17 pp. 566-591		Instructional Adjustments: difficulties, possible misunder	Modifications, student rstandings.