**Sociology**

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Course Outline

Sociology – Is the study of human society and group behavior. Students will work in an interactive classroom setting while studying the origins of sociology along with the specific sub topics of culture, gender/sexuality, race/ethnicity, deviance, social structure, and other related sociological phenomena. This will be a discussion based course in which students will continue to develop their skills in reading, writing, and speaking while more fully understanding the world in which they live.

**Unit 1: Introduction to Sociology/Sociological Perspective**

Lessons/Activities included within unit: History of Sociology, Sociological Perspectives/Theories, Research Methods, Sociological Imagination, etc.

Essential Question -Why is developing a sociological imagination important in the study of sociology?

**Unit II: Cultural Diversity and Conformity**

Lessons/Activities included within unit: Intro to Culture, Socialization, Norms and Values, Nature vs. Nurture, etc.

Essential Question - What effects does culture have on human’s behavior and interactions?

**Unit III: Social Structure**

Lessons/Activities included within unit: Groups within Society, Social Stratification (race/gender/economics)

Essential question - How do rules and norms affect the forming of roles and groups?

Essential Question - What roles do gender, age, health, and race play in our behavior and interactions with each other?

**Unit IV: Social Control and Deviance**

Lessons/Activities included within unit: Norm Violations, Crime in Society, Guest Speakers, etc.

Essential Question - What defines deviance and why is it functional for society?

**Unit V: Understanding Adolescence (we may not cover this unit completely)**

Lessons/Activities included within unit: Teen Problems, Music and Sociology, Road Map of Life, etc.

Essential Question: What challenges present the most problems for modern day teenagers?

**Unit VI: Social Inequalities, Institutions, and Change (we may not cover this unit completely)**

Lessons/Activities included within unit: Modern Problems in Society, Technology and Society, etc.

Essential Question - How does social structure affect how we interact with each other?

Essential Question - What role does the government play in our class system and poverty levels in the US?