Title of planned course: Sociology

Subject Area: Social Studies

Grade Level: 9-12

Course Description: Sociology is a social science that studies human society and social behavior. This course will look at how people relate to one another and influence each other’s behavior predominantly in group interactions. Students will be challenged to see beyond commonly held beliefs to the hidden meanings behind human interactions.

Time/Credit for this Course: 0.5 Academic Year / 0.5 Credits

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Curriculum Map

First Semester
August: Unit I: Introduction to Sociology

September: Unit I: Introduction to Sociology
           Unit II: Cultural Conformity and Diversity

October: Unit III: Deviance
         Unit IV: Racial and Ethnic Relations

November: Unit V: Gender Roles
          Unit VI: The Family

December: Unit VII: Education and Religion
          Unit VIII: Science and Politics

January: Unit IX: Technology and Mass Media [End 1 & 2]

Second Semester
January: Unit I: Introduction to Sociology

February: Unit II: Cultural Conformity and Diversity

March: Unit III: Deviance
       Unit IV: Racial and Ethnic Relations

April: Unit V: Gender Roles
       Unit VI: The Family

May: Unit VII: Education and Religion
     Unit VIII: Science and Politics

June: Unit IX: Technology and Mass Media [End 3 & 4]
Course Title: Sociology

Curriculum Scope & Sequence

Planned Course: Sociology

Unit I: Introduction to Sociology

Time frame: 1-2 Weeks

Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

Essential content/objectives: At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Define sociology
- Describe the main components of sociology
- Compare and contrast sociology with other social sciences
- Identify and explain the major theoretical perspectives of sociology
- Define culture (material and nonmaterial)
- Identify and describe the primary components of culture
- Compare and contrast material culture and nonmaterial culture
- Identify and describe cultural universals
- Analyze patterns of cultural universals
- Define, explain, and analyze ethnocentrism
- Define, explain, and analyze cultural relativism
- Identify, analyze, and explain factors that create variations among and within cultures

Core Activities: Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - Applying the Social Sciences.
  - Applying the Sociological Perspectives.
  - Analyzing the Founding Sociologists.
  - Analyzing the Communist Manifesto/selected Marx writing.
  - Tattoo Project.

Instructional Methods:
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning
Materials & Resources:
- Teacher-made instructional materials and resources
- Textbook & online resources
- Primary Sources (i.e., documents, articles, books, videos)
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Assessments:
- Formal assessments
- Unit projects
- Independent student assignments
- Cooperative student assignments
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**Planned Course:** Sociology

**Unit II:** Cultural Conformity and Diversity

**Time frame:** 1-2 Weeks

**Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:**
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Identify and describe the core values that formed the foundation of American culture
- Identify and describe values that have attributed to a shift in American culture since 1970
- Define society “norms”
- Identify and analyze society norms, comparing and contrasting norms amongst cultures
- Explain how specific society norms are enforced
- Define, compare, and contrast positive sanctions, negative sanctions, formal sanctions, and informal sanctions
- Identify and explain the main sources of social change
- Describe core factors that attribute to the resistance of social change
- Recall and explain two components of social structure that affect human interaction
- Identify, analyze, and describe different types of societies in the 21st Century
- Explain the purposes that groups fulfill
- Recall and describe the four factors that affect the development of personality
- Describe the effects of isolation in a child’s development
- Explain how a person’s sense of “self” emerges
- Identify and describe the theories that have been put forth to the process of socialization
- Identify and explain the core agents of socialization in the United States
- Explain the importance of family and education in a society
- Explain how adolescents developed as a distinct age of the life cycle in the United States
- Evaluate and summarize the functions and role dating plays in society
- Identify, analyze, and describe core problems/issues teenagers face in society

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - The Components of Culture
  - Exploring Countercultures
  - Cultural Universals Inquiry
  - Analysis of the Lost Boys of Sudan
  - Exploration of Norms Assignment
  - Allegory of a Cave
**Instructional Methods:**
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning

**Materials & Resources:**
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**Assessments:**
- Formal assessments
- Unit projects
- Independent student assignments
- Cooperative student assignments
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Unit III: Deviance

Time frame: 1-2 Weeks

Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:

- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

Essential content/objectives: At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Define deviance
- Explain the nature and social function of deviance
- Identify and analyze the proposed theories to explain deviance
- Analyze and describe types of crime in the United States
- Compare and contrast crimes in the United States to crimes in other world cultures
- Identify and explain the characteristics of the American criminal justice system
- Compare and contrast the justice system in the United States to justice systems of other world cultures

Core Activities: Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - Exploration of Crime
  - Court Case Examination
  - The Death Penalty Debate
  - What Does Prison Life Look Like?
  - Solitary Confinement Exploration
  - The Stanford Prison Experiment

Instructional Methods:

- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning
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Assessments:
● Formal assessments
● Unit projects
● Independent student assignments
● Cooperative student assignments
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Unit IV: Racial and Ethnic Relations

Time frame: 1-2 Weeks

Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

Essential content/objectives: At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Define: race, ethnicity, and minority group
- Identify and describe the characteristics that distinguish minority groups from one another
- Distinguish between discrimination and prejudice
- Identify and analyze the origins of stereotypes and/or prejudices
- Recall and explain the most common patterns of minority group treatment
- Analyze and describe the evolution of racial and ethnic relations throughout the world
- Analyze and describe the evolution of racial and ethnic relations in the United States
- Describe the interactions between different groups and cultures in the United States
- Analyze and explain the impact of sports and popular culture amongst different groups and cultures in the United States

Core Activities: Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - Brown v. Board of Education.
  - Modern Racism and Segregation In Schools.
  - The Civil Rights Leaders And Their Effects On Today.
  - The Jane Elliott Experiment.
  - Modern Day Race Relations Project.

Instructional Methods:
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning
Materials & Resources:
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Assessments:
● Formal assessments
● Unit projects
● Independent student assignments
● Cooperative student assignments
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**Planned Course:** Sociology

**Unit V:** Gender Roles

**Time frame:** 1-2 Weeks

**Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:**
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Identify and describe the evolution of gender roles in the United States since 1700
- Analyze and explain how gender roles affect job opportunities for men and women in the United States
- Compare and contrast gender roles in the United States to gender roles in different cultures throughout the world
- Analyze and explain how gender roles are influenced by socialization amongst a culture(s)

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments
  - Gender Roles Assignment.
  - Modern Issues in Gender.
  - The Evolution of the Female in the Workplace.
  - The Wage Gap Project.

**Instructional Methods:**
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning

**Materials & Resources:**
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**Assessments:**
- Formal assessments
- Unit projects
- Independent student assignments
- Cooperative student assignments
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Planned Course: Sociology

Unit VI: The Family

Time frame: 1-2 Weeks

Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

Essential content/objectives: At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Identify and explain the norms that influence marriage patterns around the world
- Identify and describe the basic societal needs that the institution of family satisfies
- Identify core components of the “American family”
- Analyze and explain patterns demonstrated by families in the United States since 1776 (i.e. marriage patterns, birth patterns, divorce rates)
- Describe how the economy plays a role in families
- Analyze and explain current trends in American family life
- Compare and contrast families in the United States to families in other countries/cultures throughout the world

Core Activities: Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - Are You a Product of Your Environment Assignment?
  - Issues In Family.
  - Marriage, Violence, and Divorce (domestic violence).
  - The Single Parent Family.
  - Socialization within the Family.
  - The Family Project.

Instructional Methods:
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning
Materials & Resources:
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Assessments:
- Formal assessments
- Unit projects
- Independent student assignments
- Cooperative student assignments
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Unit VII: Education and Religion

Time frame: 1-2 Weeks

Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

Essential content/objectives: At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Compare and contrast the differing views sociologist have regarding education
- Compare and contrast education in different regions of the United States
- Compare and contrast education in the United States to different countries and cultures throughout the world
- Identify and explain current/controversial issues in American education
- Analyze and describe the basic societal needs that religion serves
- Identify and describe distinctive features of religion in American society
- Compare and contrast how different religions are viewed by society in different regions of the United States
- Compare and contrast how different religions are viewed by society throughout the world

Core Activities: Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - What Are Grades and Do They Matter? Inquiry
  - Exploration of Education and Life Outlook.
  - What is Poverty? Project.
  - Religions of the World Project.

Instructional Methods:
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning
Materials & Resources:
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Assessments:
● Formal assessments
● Unit projects
● Independent student assignments
● Cooperative student assignments
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Unit VIII: Science and Politics

Time frame: 1-2 Weeks

Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

Essential content/objectives: At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Analyze the impact of science on societal norms
- Identify and describe scientific innovations/inventions that had a significant effect on a society/culture
- Analyze and describe societal patterns caused by science
- Identify and explain current issues in American science
- Compare and contrast how different regions and cultures of the world view science
- Define globalization
- Identify and describe the core elements to a cultural hierarchy or government
- Compare and contrast different types of government throughout the world
- Identify and explain the positives and negatives of a strong versus weak government on society

Core Activities: Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - Types of Government.
  - Global Issues in Politics Project.
  - Issues in Global Health Project.
  - Environmentalism.

Instructional Methods:
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning
Materials & Resources:
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Assessments:
- Formal assessments
- Unit projects
- Independent student assignments
- Cooperative student assignments
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Unit IX: Technology and the Mass Media

Time frame: 1-2 Weeks

Anchor(s) or adopted anchor:
- Human Characteristics of Places and Regions Anchor: 7.3.12.A
- Principles and Documents of Government Anchor: 5.1.12.C
- How International Relationships Function Anchor: 5.1.12.C

Essential content/objectives: At end of the unit, students will be able to:
- Define technology and mass media
- Analyze the evolution of technology and mass media throughout world history
- Analyze the evolution of technology and mass media throughout United States history
- Identify and describe the effect of technology and mass media on societal norms
- Explain the role technology and mass media plays in the 21st Century
- Compare and contrast the uses of technology and mass media by societies throughout the world
- Demonstrate the role technology and mass media plays in the daily life of a teenager

Core Activities: Students will complete/participate in the following:
- Unit note/information gathering
- Class discussions
- Independent, cooperative, and inquiry-based student assessments and assignments.
  - Exploration of Mass Media.
  - Advertisement Project.
  - Music Inquiry.
  - Mass Media Project.
  - Movies, Games, and Violence.
  - Podcast Assignment.

Instructional Methods:
- Direct Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Independent Learning
- Inquiry-based Learning
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Assessments:
● Formal assessments
● Unit projects
● Independent student assignments
● Cooperative student assignments