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**Intro to Sociology**

**Influential Sociologists: Project**

**Introduction**

So many important sociological ideas have come from the work of countless theorists who’ve written about, presented, and tested their ideas in the public arena. In light of the fluid nature of sociology, many of the debates surrounding their ideas have remained relevant for decades or even centuries. To be sure, our sociological sentiments at any given time say something incredibly profound about the state of our society. At this point—since you now have solid foundational knowledge on the concepts of *culture* and *society*,you should be ready to more deeply address these important ideas.

**Project**

For this assignment, you will be provided with a famous sociological theorist. You’ll have to explore, and research the intricacies of the researcher/thinker that has been assigned to you. You’ll be expected to produce an **interactive media tool (on Glogster),** that ultimately examines/possesses/ presents (**but is not limited to**) the following items:

1. Introductory statement/ section
2. Biographical sections that address your individual’s life in a *relevant* and *compelling* way.
3. Explanation/ Evidence of the **research** or famous **sociological contributions** of your individual.

Consider the following to include:

* 1. How did your individual come to study the topic(s) that they are known for?
  2. What was involved in the study? How was the research conducted?
  3. What were the main conclusions of the research? Why are they significant?
  4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of your individual’s ideas?
  5. Are there other researchers who’ve used these ideas in their work? If so, how?
  6. How would your individual’s ideas fit into the various sociological frameworks that we’ve studied this semester (structural-functional, social-conflict, symbolic-interaction, sociobiology, etc.)?

1. A **worksheet/activity/quiz-** Do your best to *engage* the learner.
2. A “Concluding Thoughts” statement/ section
3. A Bibliography/ Sources section (3-4 sources)

Be sure to include visuals/ links in every section, (pictures, charts, colorful things, and possible other media) in your presentation.

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| **Selected Sociological Theorists of Note** | | | | |
| **Auguste Comte** | **Pierre Bourdieu** | **Erving Goffman** | **Georg Simmel** | **Peter Blau** |
| **Erich Fromm** | **Michel Foucault** | **Herbert Spencer** | **Harriet Martineau** | **Charles Cooley** |
| **George Herbert Mead** | **C. Wright Mills** | **Jurgen Habermas** | **Antonio Gramsci** | **Jane Addams** |