

B2

Common Sense (blame the victim)

Do Now (5 min)

11-30-10

- laziness

► Why do you think people are poor?

- bad habits (drugs) (\$ gambling)

- past history of poverty

- location

- race

- no edn

- gov

Sociological  
perspective  
(looking at larger  
picture)

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# Thinking Like a Sociologist: Sociological Perspective and Sociological Imagination

11-30-10



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1. Do Now (5 min)
2. Objectives (3 min)
3. Thinking Like A Sociologist (5 min)
4. What it means to think like a Sociologist (5 min)
5. The Importance of Thinking Like a Sociologist (10 min)
6. Thinking Like a Sociologist: Explaining Social Phenomenon (10 min)
7. Thinking like a sociologist: Poverty (10 min)
8. Closing (5 min)
9. Exit Slip (5 min)
10. Participation Grades (5 min)



## Objectives (3 min)

- ▶ Content (What you will learn today)

- ▶ **SWBAT:**

- 1. Explain what it means to think like a sociologist*
- 2. Explain the importance of thinking like a sociologist*
- 3. Write a common sense explanation of social phenomenon*
- 4. Think like a sociologist*

- ▶ Language (How you learn it today)

- ▶ **By:**

- 1. taking notes on the PowerPoint*
- 2. taking notes on the PowerPoint*
- 3. accessing their common sense*
- 4. using the Sociological Perspective to develop their Sociological Imagination.*



## Thinking Like a Sociologist (5 min)

Objective: SWBAT: *Write a common sense explanation of social phenomenon by accessing their common sense*

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- more people know about world news

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- 25 Million Americans = crime victims in 2006
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- Federal Bureau of Investigation (2006)*

Take a minute to write down an explanation for one fact from each topic.

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## What it means to think like a sociologist(5 min)

Objective: SWBAT: *Explain what it means to think like a sociologist by taking notes on the PowerPoint*

Thinking like a sociologist means:

–using the Sociological Perspective to inform your Sociological Imagination

### ***Sociological Perspective***

- Looking at social life in a scientific, systematic way
- Looking beyond commonly held beliefs
- Helps to view self/world around self

### ***Sociological Imagination***

- Ability to see the connection between the larger world and your personal life
- Gives insight about how social environment shapes you, how you shape it

looking at the big picture



# Start 12/1/10

## The Importance of Thinking Like a Sociologist (10 min)

Objective: SWBAT: *Explain the importance of thinking like a sociologist by taking notes on the PowerPoint*

It is important to think like a sociologist because common sense explanations of social phenomenon are often:

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## Thinking Like a Sociologist: Poverty (10 min)

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What types of comments/questions would a Sociologist and Common Person make about poverty?

Sociologist

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Common Person



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*C. Wright Mills suggested that the sociological imagination involves seeing the world in terms of biography and history. What do you think he meant by this?*

Public Issue—Unemployment

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## Exit Slip (5 min)

Write your NAME, DATE, and BLOCK on a scrap paper, and answer the questions below.

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## Participation Grades (5 min)

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### ▶ What do you deserve today?



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Common Sense  
(Blame the victim)

Do Now (5 min)

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Sociological  
Perspective  
(Blame the system  
or big pic.)

► Why do you think people are poor?

- drug / alcohol
- lazy / SS
- excuses
- irresponsible

- no job
- lack of edu
- upbringing
- bad job market



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