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Do Now (5 min)  
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- Why do you think people started to study society?

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# The Development of Sociology: The Mothers and Fathers of the Field

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## Agenda

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  2. Objectives (3 min)
  3. Survival of the Fittest (5 min)
  4. The Development of Sociology (10 min)
  5. Early European Scholars (20 min)
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## Objectives (3 min)

- Content (The objectives you'll master today)
- **SWBAT:**
  1. *List some factors that led to the development of Sociology*
  2. *List the major contributions of the Mother's/Father's of sociology*
  3. *Explain how American scholars contributed to the field of sociology*
- Language (How you will master the objectives)
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**SOCIOLOGY  
CLOSE UP**

# Survival of the FITTEST

## Survival of the Fittest (5 min)

= Social  
Darwinism

How did one early  
sociologist view the  
problem of poverty?



p. 8 Sociology (Holt McDougal 2010)

mind  
Soul  
body  
Strong → Survive  
weak → perish

The life of London's poor is vividly illustrated by this sketch of a family huddled in a dank city alleyway.

## The Development of Sociology (10 min)

**SWBAT:** List some factors that led to the development of Sociology by taking notes on the PowerPoint

jobs replaced by machines

- Industrial Revolution In Europe (~1750-1850)→
  - Many jobs replaced by machines
  - Rural Economy (based on farming) gave way to an economy based on producing goods from factories →
- People in the rural areas do not have jobs but need jobs→
- Many rural people moved to urban (city) areas in search of jobs→
- Rapid growth of cities →
- Job shortages, housing shortages→
- Increased crime and pollution→
- Many scholars, in response to the social upheaval (problems), began to question traditional understanding of society and wanted answers about why society was "falling apart"

## Early European Scholars (20 min)

SWBAT: List the major contributions of the Mother's/Father's of sociology by taking notes on the PowerPoint

### Auguste Comte

- Considered the founder of sociology
- Studied social order and social change

### Harriet Martineau

- Observed/wrote about life in the United States
- Translated Comte's work

### Herbert Spencer

- Compared society to a biological organism
- Helped create social Darwinism

- came up w/ "Survival of fittest"

### Karl Marx

- Linked societal conditions to the economy
- Believed economic imbalance would lead to conflict (violent)

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### Herbert Spencer

- Compared society to a biological organism
- Helped create **Social Darwinism**: (only the most “healthy” or “fit” societies will survive)
- Coined the term “survival of the fittest”
- All that is weak and not of use has to be discarded or allow to fall away

## Early European Scholars (20 min)

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### Auguste Comte

**Contribution** Among the first scholars to apply the methods of the physical sciences to the study of society; coined the word *sociology* and is considered the founder of the subject.



**Major Works** *Plan of the Scientific Operations Necessary for Reorganizing Society* (1822), *Positive Philosophy* (1830–1842), *System of Positive Polity* (1851–1854)

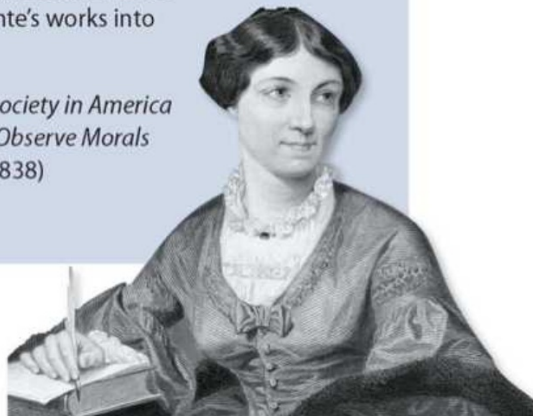
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### Harriet Martineau

**Contribution** Conducted early sociological studies in Britain and the United States; advocate of the idea that scholars should try to improve society, not just study it; best known for translating Comte's works into English.

**Major Works** *Society in America* (1837), *How to Observe Morals and Manners* (1838)



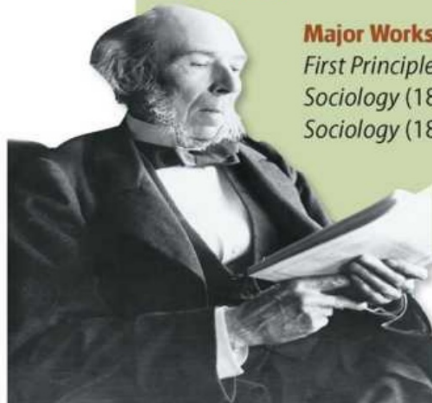
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### Herbert Spencer

**Contribution** Applied the principles of biology to society; popularized the evolutionary theory of social change and coined the phrase "survival of the fittest."

**Major Works** *Social Statics* (1851), *First Principles* (1862), *The Study of Sociology* (1872), *The Principles of Sociology* (1876–1896)



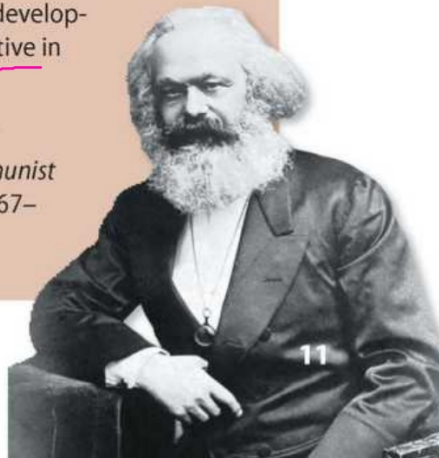
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### Karl Marx

**Contribution** Emphasized the primary role that conflict plays in social change and advocated revolution to speed up the process of change; his ideas led to the development of the conflict perspective in sociology.

**Major Works** *The Poverty of Philosophy* (1847), *The Communist Manifesto* (1848), *Capital* (1867–1894)



## Reading Check

### Contrast

How did Herbert Spencer's approach to social problems differ from the approaches of other early sociologists?

**Answer:** *Herbert Spencer believed social change and unrest was a natural part of the evolutionary process as society moved toward stability and perfection. He did not advocate change to solve the problems.*

## Later European Scholars (20 min)

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dysfunctions:

### Émile Durkheim

- Developed first sociology class in France
- Systematically applied the methods of science
- Viewed segments of society by their function: (a positive consequence of an element of society)
- Particularly interested in the role of religion

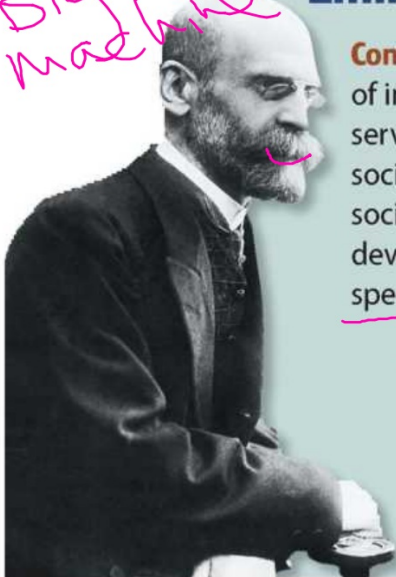
### Max Weber (Macks Vayber)

- Interested in certain groups instead of an entire society
- Used the idea of Verstehen: (empathetic understanding) to understand the actions of individuals
- Used the idea of ideal type: (a description that includes only the most important/central characteristics) to understand the goals of a society

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Society as  
Big  
Machine



### Émile Durkheim

**Contribution** Described society as a set of interdependent parts, with each part serving a specific function; believed that sociologists should focus on observable social phenomena; influential in the development of the functionalist perspective in sociology.

**Major Works** *The Division of Labor in Society* (1893), *The Rules of Sociological Method* (1895), *Suicide: A Study in Sociology* (1897), *Elementary Forms of the Religious Life* (1912)

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### Max Weber

**Contribution** Developed the concept of the ideal type, a model against which social reality can be measured; believed that sociology should attempt to understand the meanings that individuals attach to their actions; his work influenced the development of the interactionist perspective in sociology.

**Major Works** *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism* (1905), *Economy and Society* (1922)



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## Check For Understanding

### Contrast

How did Weber's sociological focus differ from that of Durkheim?

Functions  
Dysfunctions

**Answer:** *Weber was interested in separate groups within society rather than society as a whole*

## American Scholars (15 min)

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The University of Chicago department of sociology became known for a certain set of sociological theories, as well as the idea that sociologists should look for solutions to social problems.

### Jane Addams

- Opened a settlement house in Chicago Hull House
- Published a series of surveys about the problems of the urban poor
- Not taken seriously as a sociologist

### W.E.B. Du Bois

- Took an approach similar to the Chicago School
- Examined life in African American neighborhoods
- Encouraged scholars to examine the problems of race

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Harvard

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### Statistically Speaking...

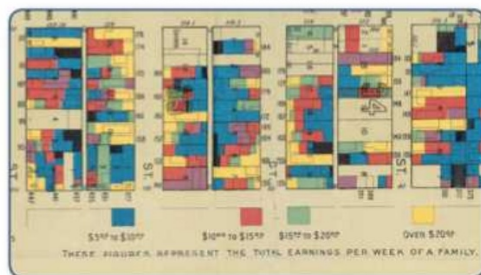
**Hull House Studies** Perhaps Jane Addams' best demonstration of her commitment to both social reform and sociological analysis was *Hull House Maps and Papers*. Published in 1895, this study's most striking aspect was the color-coded maps that showed race, ethnicity, and income levels on Chicago's West Side. During her study Addams discovered the following:

- 18 Nationalities living in the area
- \$9.44 Average weekly wage for garment workers
- 12 Hours per day worked by garment workers
- \$1.25 Average daily wage for laborers
- 17-32 Weeks per year laborers were unemployed
- \$8.47 Average monthly rent

**Thinking Critically Draw Conclusions** Why were the Hull House studies important for the development of sociology?



Jane Addams (above) thought that analyzing social problems was the first step to solving them. She presented some of her findings in color-coded maps like this one below, which shows differences in family income.

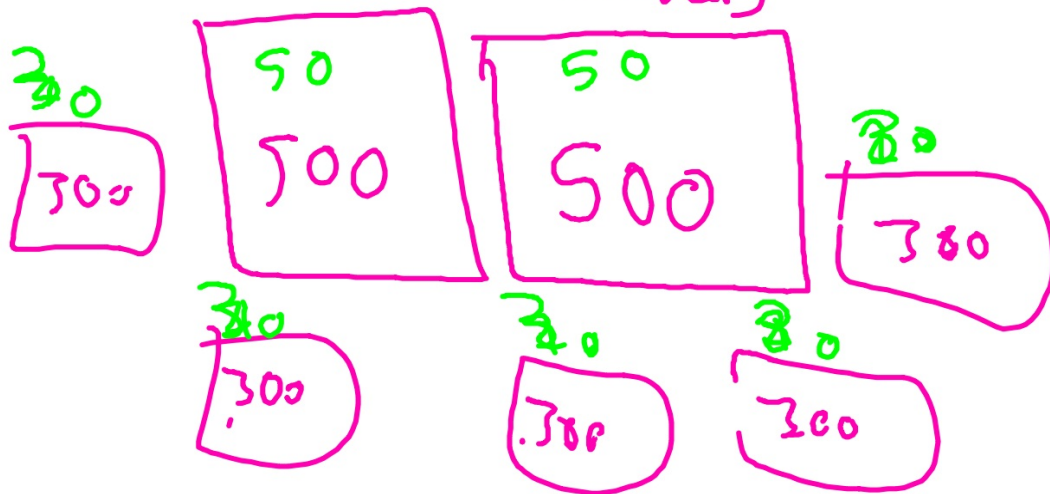


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## American Scholars (15 min)

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### W.E.B. Du Bois

**Contribution** Used community studies to underscore the significance of race in American society; believed that sociologists should be involved in social reform as well as academic study.

**Major Works** *The Philadelphia Negro: A Social Study* (1899), *The Souls of Black Folk* (1903)



## Closing/**HW** (5 min)

- Did you master the following objectives?

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## Exit Slip (5 min)

- On a separate sheet of paper, write your **NAME, DATE, and BLOCK at the top. Today is 11-30-10** 😊
- **Then number your paper and write** responses to the following questions.
  1. List 2 elements of a scientific question
  2. List 2 elements of a hypothesis
  3. Write a hypothesis about what you think will happen if:

Piranhas (meat eating fish) are put in the same tank as Guppies (plant eaters).

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## Participation Grades (5 min)

- Each day **YOU** will decide the grade you deserve...Though, I reserve the right to change these.
  - Your 5-point daily participation grade is based on CLA's core-values:
    - CLA Students are S.M.A.R.T.
      - S = Self-Controlled
      - M = Motivated
      - A = Accountable
      - R = Respectful
      - T = Timely
    - One point for each core-value
      - (5 points possible each day)
  - What do you deserve today?
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