

Course: Sociology

Grade Level: 9-12

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A survey course of sociology including the study of: The Social Structure, Social Institutions, Socialization from Childhood to Adulthood, and Social Problems.

Essential Learning	#	Components	Suggested	
			Activities	Assessments
ACS - A Explain how language, literature, the arts, architecture and traditions contribute to the development and transmission of culture	VCS 11.1.1	Explain the relationships of sociology to the other social sciences		
	VCS 11.1.2	Understand the main elements of social research		Test and quiz
	VCS 11.1.3	Show an understanding of the tools of research used by the sociologist	Read and explain the research method used by sociologist	Research a social problem
	VCS 11.1.4	Define culture and the key components of culture such as culture traits, complexes, universals, and alternatives		

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	VCS 11.1.5	Identify the latent aspects of subculture and counterculture elements within a culture		
	VCS 11.1.6	Explain and differentiate between various terms relating to prejudice, discrimination and racism	Explore and discuss racism and discrimination in other countries	Create a slideshow comparing different countries

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ACS - B Analyze how individuals and groups interact with and within institutions	VCS 11.2.1	Analyze how individuals and groups interact with and within institutions (e.g., educational, military)		
	VCS 11.2.2	Understand units of the social institution of marriage and the family through cultural comparisons with practice from around the world		
	VCS 11.2.3	Understand the socialization process and the agents of socialization		
	VCS 11.2.4	Understand the role that communication plays in the socialization process		
	VCS 11.2.5	Understand various theories on the causes of deviant behavior and crime		
	VCS 11.2.6	Explain the latest trends in crime in the U.S.	Research the annual FBI statistics	Slideshow that highlights current trends
	VCS 11.2.7	Explain the various types of crimes committed in the U.S.	After consulting the U.S. Criminal code, explain the major crimes in America.	Write an essay on how "victimless" crime can still hurt society

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ACS - C Explain how social institutions contribute to the development and transmission of culture	VCS 11.3.1	Explain how social institutions contribute to the development and transmission of culture		
	VCS 11.3.2	Identify the components of social control such as values, norms, folkways, mores, taboos, and laws	Read about the values and laws of different countries and compare them with the United States	Create a chart comparing different countries
	VCS 11.3.3	Explain how positive and negative sanctions enforce the values and norms of various cultures		
	VCS 11.3.4	Explain some of the latest attempts in the United States in addressing the problem of recidivism		

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ACS - D Describe ways in which a diverse United States population has developed and maintained common beliefs	VCS 11.4.1	Describe ways in which a diverse United States population has developed and maintained common beliefs (e.g., life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; the Constitution and the Bill of Rights)	Research the different immigrant groups and their traditions that they brought to America	Debate what belief is most dear to Americans
	VCS 11.4.2	Know the role of prestige, status, and esteem in the stratification system of the United States		
	VCS 11.4.3	Explain the American class system and the distribution of wealth within our class structure		

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ACS - E Explain how diverse groups have contributed to United States social systems over time	VCS 11.5.1	Explain how diverse groups have contributed to United States social systems over time		
	VCS 11.5.2	Examine controversial issues related to prejudice and discrimination in the United States	Read news articles about “immigrant” discrimination in the North and “black” discrimination in the South	Define prejudice and discrimination and explain how both can be harmful
	VCS 11.5.3	Understand “social mobility” in the United States class structure and class consequences within each class		